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Editor's Notes

When George O. (8) Olin persevered in developing his sketchy "Olin Family Genealogy" notebook which his time and resources permitted, little did he realize how much more there was to discover. I know he hoped his notes would be useful to someone, possibly some of his children, but they showed little interest beyond attending the annual Reunion he started with his and his brother's families in 1936. Much of his own story was unknown to his children.

Warren (9) Olin's foray into unraveling some of the family's mysteries led him deeper and deeper into research until he hit the missing generation barrier in tracing the Joseph (3) branch back to John (1). As his father before him, Warren was determined to find answers. Thus began his and Emilia's odyssey throughout the United States and Canada in search of information, clues, and the many descendants of this family of mostly solid citizens who helped make their communities better as they pursued their own destinies. In the process, Warren discovered other family members who also were seeking their roots. Linkages with these fellow genealogists has brought remarkable results in magnifying the efforts of all.

Warren's success in enlisting very busy people in the massive project of completing a major, two-volume history of one branch of the Olin family in less than a decade is truly remarkable. The vision was Warren's, much of the energy was his, but the work was shared by many people, most of whom were still employed, with busy families, who had to fit such a major undertaking in around the edges of their lives.

Warren extensively researched John (1) Olin's mysterious origins. Although there are many similarities in the oral traditions among the various offshoots of the Joseph (3) branch, there were enough differences to require more research. Surely, future historians will continue the discussion. Similarly, finding the "missing generation" of Joseph (4) and tracing the family forward from John (1) and backward from the present day to that chaotic time just after the American Revolutionary War seems to have yielded a reasonable linkage theory.

The work as a whole is a remarkable accomplishment. One of Warren Olin's objectives was to write a readable history and not simply a listing of "begats." He accomplished that. Because all of the research,

writing, and editing was done by people who had other primary jobs, flaws are inevitable. The challenge will be, as always, for future generations to do it better.

In getting to know other branches of the Olin/Olan family, Warren and Emilia have been truly enriched and so have the rest of us. The International Olin/Olan Reunion in Fargo, North Dakota, in August, 1996, brought together more than 80 individuals from all across the United States and Canada. Still, it was outdone 102 years earlier by a super Reunion in 1894 in Vermont, which brought nearly 100 Olins from the upper Mid-West by rail. A 2001 Reunion will gather in Binghamton, New York. To Olins far and wide, the best way to get acquainted is to be there. That is the only antidote for the complaint, "I don't know most of the people who come." You will soon have many new friends (and relatives).

It is interesting that Olin/Olan men are often carpenters or other woodworkers among all of the branches, whether as a livelihood or as a hobby. Similarly, the Olin women are needleworkers or skilled in other crafts. Both genders personify industriousness, a seriousness of purpose, and a desire to make life better. These solid citizens are not dramatic, but they have helped weave the fine tapestries of two great nations.

I am honored to have had the opportunity to edit the Olin history books. I think my father, George O. Olin, would be pleased with the whole of the work.

Joyce (9) Olin Powell

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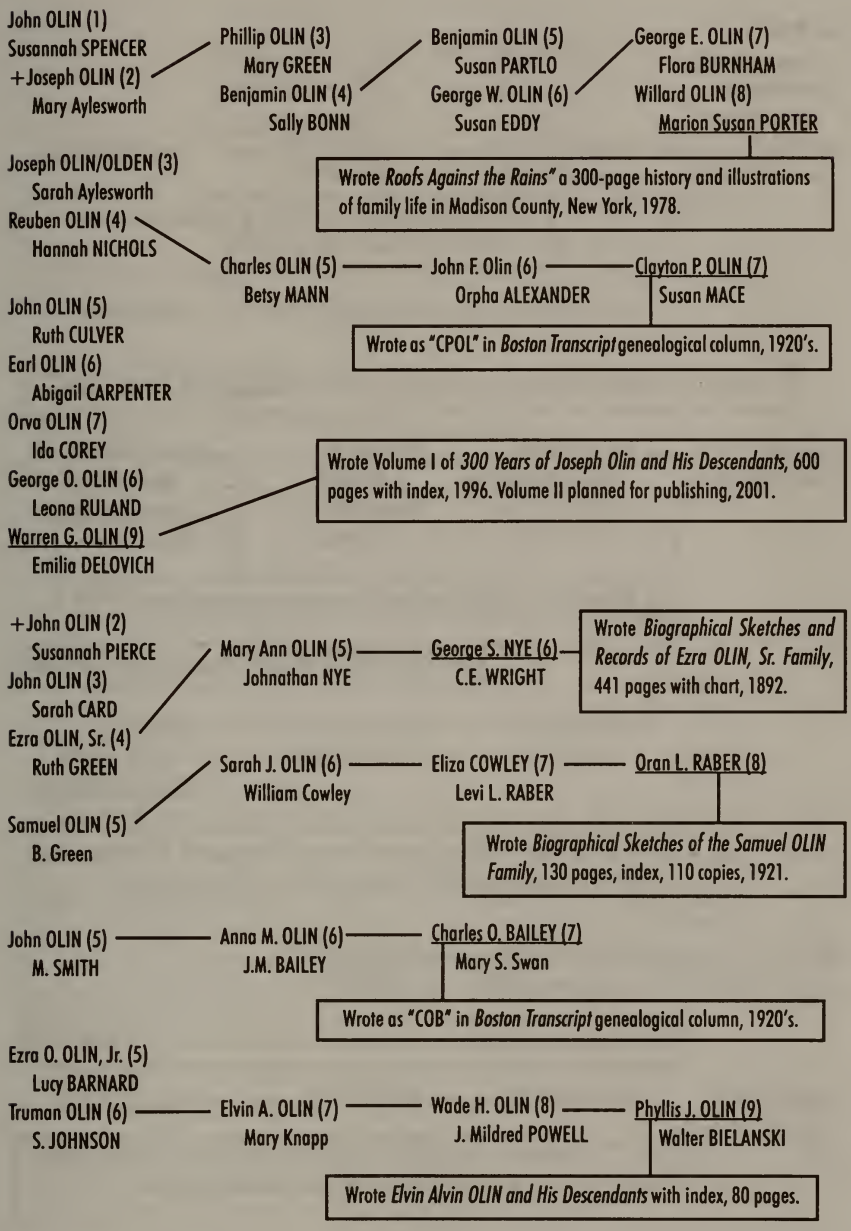

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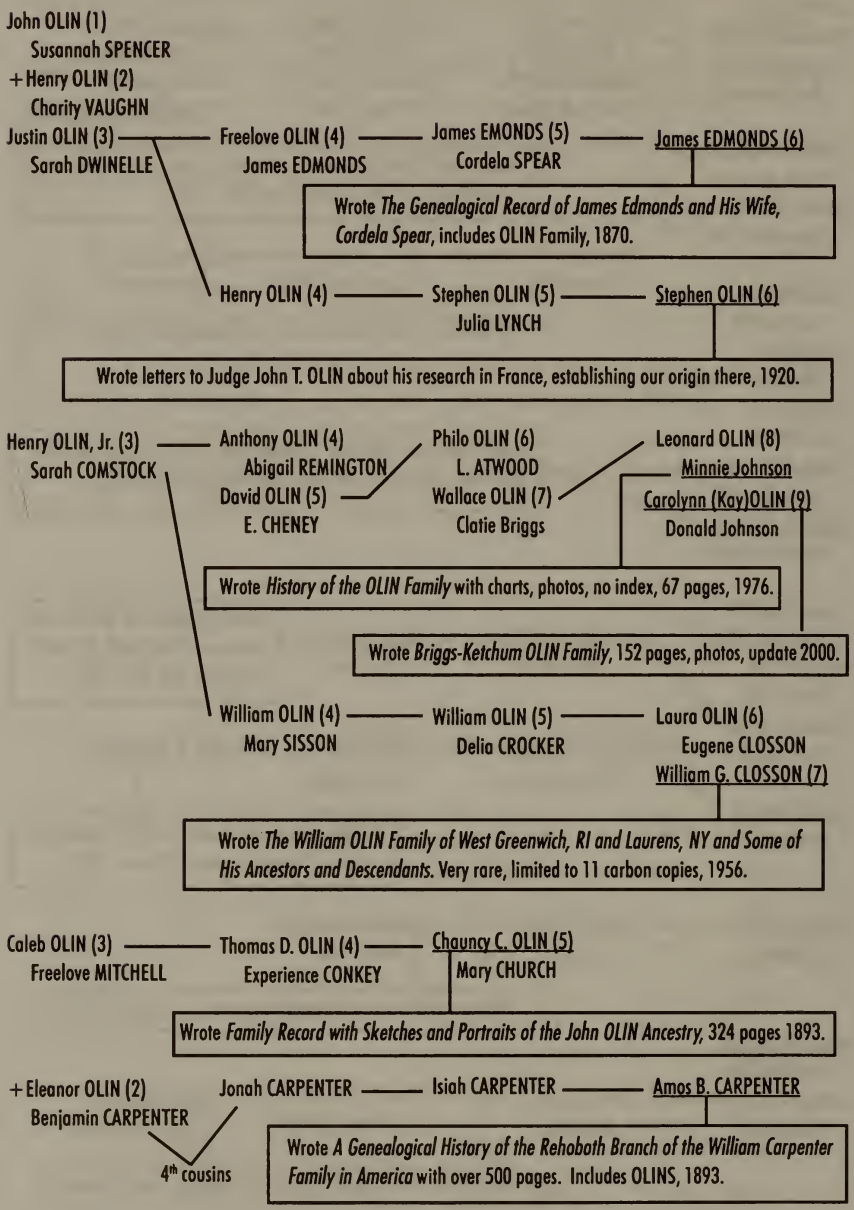

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Introduction

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row ...
Would you be proud of them?
Or don't you really know?
Sometimes, strange discovers are made
When climbing the family tree.
Occasionally, one is found in line
Who shocks the progeny!

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row ...
There might be one or two of them
You wouldn't care to know.
Now turn the question right around
And take another view,
When you shall meet your ancestors
Will they be proud of you?

– Anon.

By the time I had completed Volume I of *300 Years of Joseph Olin and His Descendants*, a good quarter of my search for Volume II was completed. I had very little problems in researching our Joseph (2) Olin family for material prior the war between the states. Since the Civil war, many records are confusing and contradictory between family members and public records. When in doubt, I have provided all versions.

Errors of fact occur occasionally in works of this magnitude. One can only hope to keep them as few as possible. In some cases misinformation has been handed down, or misinterpretation, whereby I am guilty of perpetuating false information. I apologize for this and any elusive typos.

My wife, Emilia, and I have made several trips to Connecticut and Rhode Island to search for material for Volume II. We found that the Olin family was well recognized during the late 1700s and early 1800s,

before their migration to New York State. Olins were recorded in newspapers; church, school and cemetery records; tax listings; public vital records, deeds; and, surrogate records. We and our family search were treated with respect; from the large state libraries to the very small one-room school that was converted to a library in the village of Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut.

Yet, any attempt on my part to contact present day Olins in Rhode Island and Connecticut met with negative results, more so than Olins from any other state. Perhaps they were afraid of scams, which do exist in some commercial family research, or cared less about their family history. In any event, the contributing response from many Olins was sincere and heart warming.

I wish to thank those who contributed significant story material: Esther Olin Woodard; Dorothy Olin Strong; Jo-Anne Fair Moriarty; Thomas R. Olin; Genevieve R. Olin; Robin and Keith Olin; Elmer R. Koons; Joyce Millen Borza; Karen Spencer; Shirley Cawyer; Lisa S. Matte; Anne Cameron; Jeffery Olin; Margaret Sampson; and Dennis D. Olin. All persons who contributed material for Volume II have been credited at the end of each part, labeled "Reference Resources."

Once again I express my gratitude to my sister, Ann Joyce Olin, for her time and expertise editing Volume II. But, most of all, I thank my wife, Emilia, for her patience, cooperation and understanding, without which I would never have finished .

I had become obsessed with documenting the untold history of the Joseph (2) Olin branch, when my mother forwarded my father's preliminary efforts to me after he died. I understood what he was trying to do within his limited education and resources. Now that I have completed the story, I can truthfully say, "Once is enough; never again."

Here is a bit of information that may prove helpful to future OLIN researchers. My search in Connecticut was confused by a few Irish Olins, who wore actually born in Ireland. For instance: Malacki Olin, born 1829 in Ireland, a laborer; married 1 January 1851 in Pomfort, Connecticut to Ann Shenley, born in Ireland and living in Brooklyn, Windham County, Connecticut. I have not found any connection of the Irish OLINs to any of our John (l) Olin descendants.

However, the Douglas and Cynthia Olin family of Birstall, Leicester, England sent me a detailed, descending genealogy chart of his OLIN family who migrated from France to England about 1700. Again, there is no connection with our John (1) Olin. But in supporting

my theory that the OLINs were originally from France and migrated to other countries such as England. It is conceivable that other Olin ancestors, such as John (1), made similar moves.

We must keep in mind that no factual proof connects our John (1) Olin's origin to Wales, England, or France. William H. Olin of Michigan has devoted untold hours and dollars trying to connect our John (1) Olin to Prince Llewellyn of Wales. His theory is as good as mine until definite proof is found.

In Volume I, I had emphasized two variations of the OLIN surname; OLAN, and OLDEN, whose families still continue with their respective surname.

Elmer Koons, retired school teacher from Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, read Volume I and thought there may be a connection between his ancestors, OLEN, to our OLIN family. He was right. When Joseph (2) Olin's, grandson, John (4), Vermont Sufferer, relocated from Vermont to Jericho (Bainbridge), Chenango County, New York, he had a family of four children. Although I knew the names of his children, I was unable to find them. Now we know that the oldest son, John (5) Olin, left Jericho, married Annie Sands, and allowed his surname to become OLEN, which is still in use today.

So our OLIN family includes OLAN, OLEN and OLDEN, which confounds anyone's OLIN family search. Keep in mind that Volume I of *300 Years of Joseph Olin and His Descendents* told about the OLIN/OLDEN's move from Rhode Island, to Vermont, to New York and to the west. Volume II tells of the OLIN/OLAN's movements from Rhode Island to Connecticut, New York, Canada and west.

In 1997 I entered Volume I into the Anna Ford Family Book Contest, sponsored by the Heart of America Genealogical Society in Kansas City, Missouri. After reviewing dozens of new publications, the society named my book "Honorable Mention" and included the guidelines which were heavily tailored toward the professional and scholarly author. Nevertheless, I am thrilled to have received "Honorable Mention" from such a prestigious organization.

In both volumes I have frequently referred to others who have published or contributed to the OLIN story. Some are direct descendants of John (1) Olin, while others are in lateral lines, usually through marriage. I have compiled two pages of charts, 1 and 2, of the OLIN authors with their ascending lines. I hope this information will be useful to future researchers and that their names may be added to such a chart.

We all remember our parents, our grandparents and perhaps our great-grandparents, who we perceived as old and gray, tolerant, without long to live. With maturity, we understand that these OLINS underwent life's conditioning trials and tribulations: love and hate; joy and grief; strength and weakness; stubborness and forgiveness; courage and fear; learning and teaching; and faith in God and their country.

PART I

Summary of and Update to Volume I: Parts I through IV

"Your name is great in mouths of wisest censure."
—Othello, Act ii, scene 5

Chapter 1

OLIN Origin: Represented with Actual OLIN Migration from France to England

In Volume I of *300 Years of Joseph Olin and His Descendants,* published in 1996, Part I, chapters 1 through 6 were devoted to the origin of the surname, OLIN. Collected research and family traditions were discussed in detail regarding the probable country of the original John Olin and his ancestors. The countries discussed were Wales, England, France and the Scandinavian Peninsula.

Research by other OLIN family historians and myself coupled with contradictory OLIN family traditions have left us with no concrete conclusion as to the source of our OLIN ancestors. Someday, someone will find records that will link our original John Olin, who made his appearance in America traditionally about 1678, to a specific place in a specific country. We must not close our mind on any variation of

the OLIN surname or country of origin until the origin is proven.

Meanwhile, I still consider the LLEWELLYN to OLIN portion of family tradition to be untrue. I also consider the metamorphic change of LLEWELLYN to LeOLIN to OLIN as applied to our John Olin to be untrue. I do not believe that John Olin was a son of any OWEN or ODLIN family in Wales or England. Records confirm the existence of OLIN families in Wales and England during the 16th and 17th centuries. OLIN, OWEN and ODLIN families migrated to the colonies about the same time period.

I will go on record again to discourage any connection between John Olin and the Scandinavian countries, Norway and Sweden. Such traditions as John Olin having red hair and being a fisherman have about the same credence as traditions claiming John Olin was short, with a dark complexion and a sailor. The fact is that the OLIN name was unheard in the Scandinavian countries until near the end of the 17th century when it began to be used as OLIN, OLEN and OLAN.

Continuing research has revealed a letter dated May 29, 1923 to the *Boston Transcript* submitted by Charles O. Bailey (see chart #1.)

"Concerning John Olin of East Greenwich, the probable progenitor of all the Olins of New England, New York and the Middle West, excepting those whose ancestors emigrated to America since 1850, there is such a paucity of record facts that Savage says, 'of such infirm material few New England families are compelled to build.'"

In addition, the two Olin genealogies, by George S. Nye and C. C. Olin (see charts #1 & 2), contain many mistakes, arising from unverified family traditions which are discredited by the few known facts, incorrect statements of record facts and typographical errors.

"The date and place of birth of John Olin has not been found. The traditional account is that John (1) Olin was born in Wales, was a cabin boy, deserted from a British man-o-war and married Susannah Spencer, whose family he had known in Wales. The various versions of this tradition vary greatly in dates and details and I cannot find that it appears in printed form prior to 1860. It is not supported by any record facts, and, so far as the Spencer family is concerned, is erroneous, as that family came from Bedfordshire and not from Wales. As opposed to the tradition that John (1) Olin was born in Wales, the

following argument is made: The name Olin is not of Welsh derivation and can not be found in either Wales, England or Scotland. It is a Scandinavian name and is not an uncommon name in Sweden, and in the variant Olen, in Norway. Gabriel Olin (1729-1794) was secretary at the court of Gustavus III of Sweden. His wife was Elizabeth Olin, a famous operatic singer of the middle of the eighteenth century. John Axel Olin, a distinguished Lutheran preacher, died at Malms in 1911.

"In Chicago, Minneapolis and other large cities of the middle west with large Scandinavian populations, there are numerous Olins and Olens of Swedish and Norwegian birth or parentage. Outside of Scandinavia the name is not found upon the continent of Europe, excepting in France, where the name Olin (probably of Scandinavian origin) appears in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The names given by John (1) Olin to his children, John, Joseph, Henry and Eleanor, were not Spencer names and excepting his own name, John, were somewhat uncommon among the original settlers of Rhode Island, excepting among the families of Huguenot origin. Eleanor was especially a very uncommon Rhode Island name in the early eighteenth century, but it was the name of the Queen Regent of Sweden at the time John (1) Olin was probably born, and also the name of the sister of Charles XII, who succeeded him on the throne of Sweden in 1718. The term "Welshman" was seldom applied, about 1700, to designate a native of Wales, but was much oftener used in its generic sense, as meaning a "foreigner," that is, a native of some country other than the British Islands. The tradition that John Olin had "red hair" would point to a Scandinavian rather than to a Welsh origin. So also would be his occupation as a sailor.

"I have often considered the question, suggested by C. P. O. L. (Clayton P. Olin, see chart #1), whether John Olin of East Greenwich may not have been of the second instead of the first generation in America, but finding nothing to support it, excepting the fact, if it be a fact, that he was forty-four years old at his marriage in 1708. I regard it as more probable that he followed the calling of a sailor and was a single man until he married the daughter of the shipwright Michael Spencer, who had herself reached the mature age, for that time, of twenty-eight years.

"For these reasons I am inclined to the belief that John (1) Olin

was of Swedish or French origin, although no direct proof of that fact has yet been obtained. I would be very glad if any Olin genealogists could throw further light upon the subject."

We owe thanks to Charles O. Bailey for documenting his findings and thoughts on our Olin origin. He, like many of us, reached his own conclusions based on what little actual information surfaced and the prudent use of family traditions.

In my original opinion, the most consistent family tradition and perhaps the most credible is that John (1) Olin was abducted at age fourteen off the coast of Wales, served as cabin boy on a British man-o-war, deserted his ship in Boston harbor and fled inland. The most consistent mentioned date was 1678 for his arrival in America, which would make his birth year about 1664. Being kidnapped by a "press gang" off the coast of Wales does not signify that he was born in Wales. At that time Wales did occupy more of the island's coast line than the British. However, the British controlled the waters surrounding the island and supported the "press gangs" in their efforts to supply experienced or inexperienced men for the Royal Navy.

Contrary to many historians' beliefs, there were many Olin families living in the British Isles—Wales, England, Scotland and Ireland—as far back as the middle 1500s and up to the present day. Admittedly, the surname OLIN has often been converted to OLEN, OLLIN, OLLEN and OHLIN in these same countries.

It is conceivable that John (1) Olin's ancestors originated in the Scandinavian countries. If they did, the OLIN name would be consistent with their OLIN or OLEN. But this is highly unlikely due to the nonexistent use of the OLIN surname prior to 1700 in Scandanavia.

However, my research indicates that OLIN and OLEN were shortened versions of OLLIN, OLLEN and OHLIN families who lived in Normandy, France since the thirteenth century. Many of these named families, OLIN, OLEN, OLLEN, OLLEN and OHLIN fled to the British Isles and possibly Scandinavia during the early persecution of the Protestants by the French in the mid-sixteenth century.

In 1920, Stephen Olin (see chart #2), a New York City attorney, wrote to John T. Olin in Wisconsin telling of his trip to France and

what his findings were. He was emphatic in his pronouncement that our Olin family was originally from France. His fourteen-page letter with supporting documents appears in Part I, Chapter 3 of Volume I of *300 Years of Joseph Olin and His Descendants.*

Of all my correspondence with people in Wales, England, France and Sweden, the most encouraging input was from Douglas Olin in Birstall, Leicester, England.

DOUGLAS EDWARD OLIN
OF BIRSTALL, LEICESTER, ENGLAND

Douglas Olin possesses a genealogical chart of his OLIN family dating back to 1700 in Reims, France, the birth place of his first known ancestor, Nicholas OLIN/OLDIN. The document is quite old and fragile, written by hand with both French and English in parts. It is very difficult to read because of the fine script. Nevertheless it does carry the OLIN male line through four generations in France before the migration to England around 1840. At that time Louis Olin, son of Jean Baptiste Olin, had married Marie Reine Louise Michot, born 1818 in Versailles, France, daughter of Jean (pronounced as John in English) Nicholas Michot and Marie Jeanne Prin. Louis Olin was born 1815 in Reims. Louis and Marie's marriage occurred in Paris, France during 1836. (Chart #3)

Until then, this OLIN family was also known as OLDIN and HOLIN. Shortly after the death of their third child, Louis and Marie Olin left France taking two children with them. They crossed the English Channel about 1848 and established their home in London, England. Relatives of Louis Olin had left and others were leaving France, seeking refuge in London or on the Isle of Wight.

Louis's son, Louis Maxillian Evert Olin, born 1837, married Emma Bastick, born 1847 in London, daughter of William and Julia Young Bastick of London. Louis and Emma Olin had eight children, all born in London. The youngest, Albert Edward Louis Olin, aka "Ted," born 24 August 1879, was the father of Douglas Edward Olin. Albert married Mary Annie Elizabeth Harris, born 28 June 1880, on the day after Christmas, 26 December 1904. Albert was a director of a small shoe manufacturing company in central England. Albert's wife, who

went by the name Elizabeth, died in 1966. Albert Olin died in 1967.

Albert and Elizabeth Olin's earlier child, a daughter, Phyllis Margaret Olin was born 12 February 1913. Phyllis was a happy carefree teenager who enjoyed every minute of her young years, but her life was shattered while riding pillion on a motorcycle that became involved in a terrible accident. Seventeen-year-old Phyllis was never able to bend her right leg, suffered from the affliction and vowed never to get married. She died unmarried in 1977.

Douglas Olin became associated with retail ironmongery and the tool trade until he was conscripted to serve in the British Army, 1930-1946. His army assignments took him to all corners of the globe. He survived and was able to return to his original job where he continued until his retirement in 1983. Douglas married his favorite pen-pal of years on the 6th of March 1954. His bride was Margaret Cynthia Mary Crabtree of Chorlton-Cum-Hardy, Manchester, England. Douglas and Cynthia Olin had two daughters: Susan and Kathryn.

Susan Elizabeth Olin, born 28 February 1955, married Stuart Jordan on 11 October 1975 and they have two children: Paul Edward, born 25 August 1976, an accountant, and Emma, born 28 March 1979, a student.

Kathryn Ann Olin, born 2 May 1958, married Stewart Brunskill, 9 May 1981, and they have two children: Adam Johnathan, born 24 January 1984 and Laura Anne, born 10 December 1985.

While visiting the "Mansion House Museum" in London, Douglas had the opportunity to see a vintage electrical clock that was hand crafted by an OLIN clock maker.

Douglas E. Olin, born 1919, died 1 September 2000. His funeral took place in the parish church in Birstall, Leicester, the village where he lived in England.

Cynthia and Douglas E.Olin on their 40th wedding anniversary in Birstall, Leicester, England, 6 March 1994.
Photo courtesy D. E. Olin

DOUGLAS E. OLIN'S ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS IN FRANCE AND ENGLAND

FRANCE; Nicholas OLDIN, born 1700, Reims, Marne, France had six children (5)

1- Francious OLDIN (4)

2- Nicholas OLDIN, b1736
_____Aron

3- Heri OLDIN
Morris Morell

4- _____OLDIN
Moses Pepin

5- _____HOLIN
_____Maison

6- Madeline HOLIN
1- _____LaBocce
2- _____Force

Julia OLIN (3)
_____Foi

Jean Bapt. OLIN, b1788
Marie F. A. Gourmcause

Marie Louise OLIN
_____Marcelaw

Sophie OLIN, b1794
_____Gubean

Victoria HOLIN

2 LaBocce children
2 Force children

Louis OLIN, b1815 (2)
Marie R. L. Michot

Adolphe OLIN, b1818
Marie Euginia Lehingeu

Julie Gubean
_____Bodeau

Louis Maximilian OLIN (1)
Emma Nastick, b1847

*Celine M. OLIN, b1840
1- Joseph J. Clarck
2- ?

*Charles OLIN, b1840

Demence Marie OLIN
Emelia F. OLIN
Julia C. OLIN
Fransina OLIN
Fernando OLIN

Note:

All above were born in Reims, Marne, France except Louis, Celine and Charles who were born in Paris, France. Louis and Celine migrated to London, England where Celine OLIN married Britisher Joseph Clark. Louis Maximilian OLIN, 1837 married Britisher Emma Bastick in North London where they had eight children. Charles and Celine were twins.

Louis Max. OLIN, b1837 (1)
Emee Nastick, b1847

Margaret P. OLIN, b1813 (2)
youngest of 8 children

Albert E. L. OLIN, b1879 (2)
Elizabeth Harris, b1880

Douglas E. OLIN, b1919 (3)
Margaret Crabtree

Susan E. OLIN, b1955 (4)
Stuart Jordan

Kathryn A. OLIN, b1958
Stewart Bunskill

Paul E. Jordan, b1976 (5)

Emma Jordan, b1979

Adam J. Brunskill, b1984

Laura A. Brunskill, b1985

Note: Only 2nd generation Albert Olin and his descendants are shown representing a direct line through his son, Douglas E. OLIN. A change occurred within the Nicholas OLDIN's family with the surname; OLDIN to HOLIN, and then to OLIN.

* Indicates twins

In 1924-25 Charles E. Lart, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Fellow of the Huguenot Society of London and Membre Correspondant De La Societe Des Archives De Poitou authored two volumes titled "HUGUENOT PEDIGREES" The preface of Volume I includes his following comments:

> ".....Few pedigrees are of greater interest, from an historical point of view, than those of Huguenot families, for they touch the history of two countries, and are as a rule those of men and women who stood apart from the common herd in more or less degree and whose lives are a record of continued struggle against the tyranny of Church and State ....
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> "Whether they are histories of great families or smaller ones, of those of high rank and ancient name, or of lesser folk, honourable, steadfast, honest and of strong character, who by their numbers were the leaven which leavens the lump, and who, to a far greater extent than is supposed, helped make England what she is.
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> "For the Huguenot immigration was not that of a few thousand refugees who settled at Rye, Sandwich and Dover, but a swarm which commenced to flee to this country, Holland, Germany and Switzerland, in the middle of the sixteenth century, and continued to come up to the French Revolution. A rough calculation, based on the records still existing of church registers and acts of naturalization and the records still extant in France, places their numbers between 1550 and 1789 at a conservative estimate of 250,000; a not extravagant estimate when one takes into account the large families they had. The Threadneedle Street French church, whose registers begin in 1600 and end in 1840, contains thirty thousand entries of births and marriages. The Canterbury French church has about the same number. London alone had forty refugee churches.
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> "The Bristol French church was one of the smaller churches, and its registers, beginning in 1687 and ending in

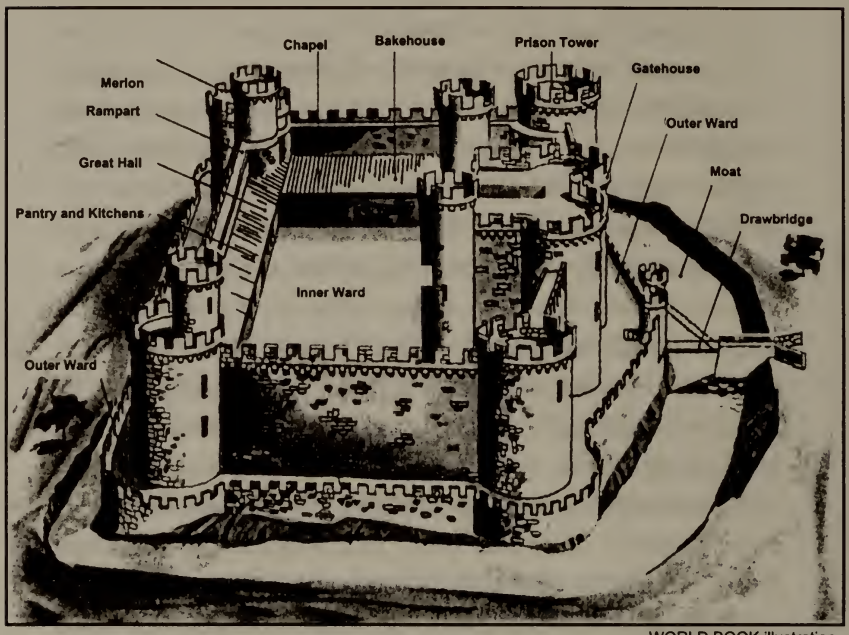
1744, contain 600 entries. Then there were churches at Plymouth and Stonehouse; Exeter, whose register are lost; Dublin, Portarlington, whose registers exist; and very many others of which they are lost; with smaller settlements all over the southern half of England, which serve as a basis for calculation, which the Returns of Fugitives sent in by the Intendants of provinces show to be fairly correct, if one takes five as the average in a family. When one considers that the population of Great Britain at the end of the eighteenth century was under 6,000,000, the infusion off French blood was of such proportions as to have influenced the character of the English race very considerably from the physical point of view alone: especially as the refugees, for two generations at least, married very largely among themselves, and had large families, the mortality amongst the children, so far as can be judged from a comparison between the English and French registers, being much smaller. Or to put the calculation in another way: assuming that 50,000 marriages took place between 1550 and 1789, and a mean of five to the family, we get the figure off 250,000 of purely French blood.

"The French Returns of Fugitives from 1680 to 1685 show that the greater number fled in the years 1682-1683. It is to be remembered that the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes was only the final and culminating blow, and had been preceded by Edict after Edict, each of which curtailed some privilege granted to Protestants by Henry IV and caused an increase in the emigration.

"----Nobility derived from the possession of a fief ("terre"),and was not a personal and hereditary rank in essence.

"In earlier days the possession of a "terre" implied obligations. The seigneur was the administrator of his territory, over which he was lord, holding his Court and administering justice, even to life and death. He was subject to his over-lord, whom he followed to the wars, with such vassals as he was called upon to bring in obedience to "ban" and

"arriere-ban." He was also responsible for defending his vassals and tenants against attacks on their rights. Exempt from taxation himself, he paid the blood tax, or "impot du sang," and paid for his privileges by personal service. He is



WORLD BOOK illustration

A Castle Built in Europe had high, stone walls. The lord and his family lived in the gatehouse, the strongest part of the castle.

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not, however, a "lord" in the sense that a baron or peer of the realm is a "lord," but is a lord of the manor. If he sells it he ceases to be its seigneur.

"Impoverished by the wars of religion and desirous of raising money to live at Court, the greater nobility as well as lesser, were selling or mortgaging their estates to the rich merchants of the towns. Anyone who had money to invest bought a fief or even part of one. The "noble fief"was exempt from taxation, and the new owner hastened to acquire "noblesse," by one or other of the many means now opened up: generally by buying an "office" or "charge" such as "secretaire" or "conseiller."

MAP # 1. 1969 MAP OF FRANCE INDICATING WHERE OLINS LIVED FROM YEAR 1200 AD UNTIL THE PRESENT.

In 1790, after the French Revolution, the French National Assembly divided France into Departments based on population, area and amount of taxes paid. Geographical features gave each Department its name. A French Department is similar to a Canadian Province and a United States State. This map indicates the Departments by name only where the OLIN, OHLIN, OLLIN and OLDIN families lived during the years 1200 - 1998. Some of these families joined with others to escape the religious wars and the after effects of the French Revolution, some fleeing to Spain, England, America and the Scandinavian countries.

"The possession of noble fief did not necessarily confer an immediate nobility—in other words, make the owner an esquire. It was necessary to hold it for three generations—i.e. "homage a tierce foy": he became an "anobli," and spoken of as "noble homme" in official documents: in other words, it "took three generations to make a gentleman."

"We can study the same process in every village churchyard in England today. The local maltster or big farmer or merchant — all honor honour to him! — put his son into the Law, and he in his turn, sent his son to a public school or college — and died a "gent", as his tombstone records; the son makes a good marriage, enters the Army or Church, and the process is completed, although the third generation is often inferior to the founder of the family, whose worth and character are not always transmitted to his descendants."

It is understood that the Huguenots and other Protestant faiths were fleeing from France to escape possible persecution beginning about the middle of 1500. It is a recognized fact that several OLINS were living in France perhaps some under a change in surname through no fault of their own. An OLIN family which moved from France to England has been verified through the Douglas Edward Olin ancestors. Yet, we have; not found a connection between our John (1) Olin and any other OLIN in England or France. However, I strongly believe that there is a connection. This remains a challenge for future historians.

There are at least fourteen spellings of the OLIN surname recorded in England and France: OLIN/ OLEN/ OLAN/ OLYN/ OLINN/ OLENN/ OLAND/ OLYNE/ OLIEN/ OLINE/ OLLINE/ OLLIN/ OLLINS and OWLIN. Undoubtedly, not all are true OLINS but they are a matter of record not to be overlooked. I have listed some of the earliest marriages and christenings of record with the surname most common: OLIN/ OLEN/ OLAN/ OLINN/ OLYN in England.

Elizabeth OLIN married Thomas Horsley in St. Peter's, Cornhill, London, 1547. She was the daughter of Nicholas Henry OLEN and Mildred Champness.

John OLIN lived in Chipping Onger, Essex County and had a son, Andrew OLIN, christened in 1586 and a daughter, Joan OLIN, christened six years earlier in 1580.

William OLIN married Alice Tegle in 1593 at Whadlon, Buckingham County.

Henry OLIN married Joan Barnes in 1594 in Ringwood, Hampshire.

Thomas OLIN married _____Sidwell in 1595 in Churston Ferrere, Devon County. They had a son, William OLYN, christened 1605 in Devon County. The church records are legible on both spellings.

A William OLIN married Agnes Reed in Otlerton, Devon County and is missing the recorded date.

Henry and Temperance OLAN of Exeter St. Alove, Devon County had two daughters, Elizabeth OLAN and Martha OLAN christened 1638 and 1643, respectively.

William OLINN married Elinn Simantes in 1643 at Hitchin, Hertford County and had a son, Willyam OLINN ,christened 1643.

Henry OLEN of Exeter St Alove, Devon County had three children christened: Mary OLEN in 17!2, Rebekah OLEN in 1715 and Robert OLEN in 1716.

Katherine OLIN married Henry Canburne, 1582 in Ringwood, Hampshire Co.

Dorethy OLIN married William Knowles, 1622 in Inghtham, Kent County.

Scrivena OLIN married John Ever, 1688 in London.

Isabellay OLIN married Edmundus Garrett, 1626 in Throckmorton.

Ann OLIN married George Swan, 170l, in Kidderminster, Worcester County.

These English Vital Records prove the existence of the OLIN family as far back as early 1500s. Examples of both given and surname spellings indicate just how frustrating it is for a researcher to establish facts.

Map # 2. 1969 map of England naming the Counties OLIN/ 0LEN/ 0LLIN/ OHLIN families lived during the years 1547-1997.

Chapter 2

John OLIN'S Arrival in America & His Marriage to Susannah Spencer

In Volume I, I supported the most popular Olin family tradition of John (l) Olin's being fourteen years old when abducted off the coast of Wales by the British Royal Navy and his "jumping ship" in the Boston Harbor of the Massachusetts Colony. He supposedly went into hiding, living with the North American natives for several years before marriage to Susannah Spencer who was several years younger. In this Volume II I have traded that tradition in favor of a less publicized Olin family tradition, thanks to William H. Olin, a descendant of John (1) and John (2) branch.

In his research of the Spencer family, William found several pages of material researched and compiled by Mrs. William (Flora) Clark. It is undated but appears to have been documented during the 1920s. Her material supports the facts that our John (1) Olin married Susannah Spencer, born 1680, daughter of Michael and Rebecca Sweetman Spencer in 1708 and that our John (1) Olin did die, 1742, in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. Mrs Clark refers to a book, *History of Cambridge, Massachusetts* by Paige. On page 659 it lists the birth, marriage, and death of Michael Spencer, the father of five children: Rebecca, born 4 November 1673; Susannah, born 6 April 1680; Michael, born 16 April 1682; Thomas, born 3 February 1688; and, Ammiruhamah, born 11 July 1690. All are believed to have been born in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Michael Spencer, ship carpenter, married Rebecca Sweetman, 6 December 1671, in Cambridge and purchased the homestead of Thomas Sweetman at the northwest corner of the Harvard College grounds. He sold the property to Harvard in 1697, moved to East Greenwich and died there as a shipwright. In his will, East Greenwich Will Book #l, pages 23-25, dated 23 February 1723, Michael mentions his wife, Rebecca, 2/3 estate to sons Thomas, Ammiruhamah, and

grandson, Joseph, not yet 21. Daughters, Rebecca and Susannah and son, Michael are not mentioned in the will. Grandson Joseph, was the eldest son of John and Susannah Olin. A boxed-in note of Mrs. Clark's information tells about Michael and Rebecca Spencer's second daughter, Susannah:

"2 - Susannah, born 6 Apr.1680; married East Greenwich, RI, 4 Oct.1708, John Olin, who died North Kingstown, 1742. Son John, administrator, 13 Jul. 1742. Was aged 62 years. [Rest of sentence crossed out.] Susannah ordered to get certificate for East Greenwich, 1742."

The reference to John Olin (1) being 62 years old when he died, makes his birth year to be ca 1680 instead of the traditionally 1664. If he was 14 years old upon his arrival to America, the new arrival date would be 1694, not 1678. This leads to the lesser tradition that he entered America at Providence, RI in 1690, which is reasonably close to 1694. If in fact, his birth was 1680, the same year as Susannah's, it cancels the old tradition surrounding his life with the American natives and the intervening years. His birth year of 1680 is logical and his landing in Providence may be correct. Continued research is necessary.

John (1) Olin died in North Kingstown and should have been buried there even though records fail to show it. However, clues have surfaced about Susannah Olin's death. One anonymous source claims she died in Cambridge. Another mentions the year 1743, one year after John. According to Mrs. Clark's boxed-in note, we could place Susannah in East Greenwich, Rhode Island shortly after John's death because she was ordered to obtain a death certificate. From there she may have moved to the original Spencer family area in Cambridge where she may have died in 1743. This requires additional research.

John (1) and Susannah Olin established their first home in East Greenwich, RI where they produced at least four children: Joseph born 1710, John 1712, Henry 1719 and Eleanor 1721. In 1725, John and Susannah took their family to North Kingstown where they had purchased 22½ acres for fifty pounds from Aron and Mary Davis. In East Greenwich, John (1) Olin had become a freeman. Now he became known as a "yoeman" in North Kingstown because he owned land. To John, this recognition was a symbol of success. He established an

orchard and worked out as a carpenter.

JOHN OLIN (2)

John Olin (2) was the first of the children to commit to a marriage when he married Susannah Pierce/Peirce in 1734. John (2) was eighty-five years old when he died in 1797, the same year that his sister, Eleanor, died. He was very active in public affairs and offices, well respected by his peers. He and Susannah had seven children: Phoebe born 1735, Jonathan 1737, John 1739, John 1741, Gideon 1743, Giles 1745 and Barbara 1748.

The John (2) Olin descendants are numerous and a fair amount of their genealogy and history is documented. Today there are a few family members who are researching to update their branch histories.

JOSEPH OLIN (2)

Joseph (2) Olin, the oldest son of John (1) and Susannah Olin left the family hearth in 1735 to become the husband of Mary Aylesworth. Joseph (2) Olin is the progenitor named in the title of "300 Years of Joseph Olin and his Descendants," Volumes I and II. Joseph and Mary's life experiences are portrayed in detail in Volume I, Parts III and IV, pages 73 - 119.

HENRY OLIN (2)

The third son of John (1) and Susannah Olin, Henry (2) Olin was married four times. In those early colonial years, the mortality rate among childbearing women was high. When a man's wife died, he was encouraged to remarry as quickly as convenient and continue with his family. Henry's first marriage, about 1738, to a wife of no record, resulted five children: Justin born 1739, Mary 1742, Peleg 1746, Henry 1749 and Caleb 1753. (See Chart # 5.)

In 1754 Henry (2) married Charity Vaughn and had two more children, Susannah and Rebecca. Much later in 1790, Henry (2) Olin took sixty-six year old Martha Remington for his third wife. Twenty years later, 1810, Henry, now in his nineties, married Sarah Aylesworth who was in her eighties, as his wife and companion for the remaining years of his life.

Henry (2) also had numerous descendants and a fair amount of their genealogy and history is documented. Interest has revived in some of Henry's branches to search and update families' history.

ELEANOR OLIN (2)

Eleanor (2) Olin, the only known daughter of John (1) and Susannah Olin, married Benjamin Carpenter in 1741 when she was twenty years old. They had six children: Sarah born 1743, Jane 1744, Elisha 1748, Mary 1751, Elizabeth 1756 and Benjamin 1759. Volume I of this book contains details of this Olin-Carpenter marriage and some of their descendants.

Benjamin Carpenter died in 1760 while defending Lake Champlain from the French and Indians. Before he died, Benjamin and Eleanor Olin Carpenter had received the deed from her father for the 22½ acres of land in North Kingstown. This Carpenter family raised their children there and provided her parents a place to live for the rest of their lives.

Two records of importance: the actual transfer of John (1) Olin's 22½ acres in North Kingston to Benjamin Carpenter and the probate at the time of John (1) Olin's death, deserve repeating from Volume I.

Land Evidence Vol. 9A, pp.182-183 Deed from John Oldin/Olden [sic], yeoman, and Susannah his wife, of North Kingstown to Benjamin Carpenter, house carpenter, of East Greenwich, of 22½ acres in North Kingstown, for one hundred pounds, dated 26 January 1741.

Probate Records Vol.8, pp. 6-7: Inventory of "All and Singular the Goods and Credits of John Olin Late of North Kingstown Deceased" taken by William Tanner and James Raynolds, presented to the Town Council 1 [-]July 1742, recorded 22 July 1742, listing the date of death as 28 March 1742.

These two official town records stand to correct the family tradition that John (1) Olin died in 1725, and was buried on Newport Island. He died 28th of March 1742 in the home of his daughter Eleanor (2) Olin Carpenter in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

Here is what Charles O. Bailey said in his 1923 letter to the *Boston Transcript*:

"In the C. C. Olin genealogy it is stated that John (1) Olin

died at Newport, June 10, 1725, aged sixty-one. The paragraph containing this statement is copied verbatim from the George S. Nye genealogy. In a letter to Nye he states that he is unable to tell where he obtained this date. It may be correct, but I have so far been unable to find the record."

Quite a few Olin family members are reluctant or do not want to accept the new official date and place of death. Nothing has surfaced as to where John and Susannah were buried. My wife, Emilia, and I made a special trip to Rhode Island in search of any information on where John (1) Olin and Susannah Spencer Olin.

To an outsider, confusion exists surrounding the names of Rhode Island's towns and villages. We hear a lot about East and West Greenwich but nothing about a Greenwich which usually would be situated somewhere between East and West. The most likely answer seems to be that Rhode Island is so small there just wasn't enough room to squeeze in a plain old Greenwich. The names Kingston and Kingstown confuse out-of-staters. The two villages of Kingston and West Kingston are in the town of South Kingstown. John(1) Olin's 22½ acres were located in the town of North Kingstown.

The town clerk of North Kingstown verified the records of Olin's deed transfer in 1741 and his death in 1742. No record of Susannah Spencer Olin's death was found and no record of a burial for either John or Susannah was found. According to the clerk, the town of North Kingstown's records were subjected to two fires that caused the loss of some early papers.

A visit to the North Kingstown Free Library revealed a book of known recorded and readable stone inscriptions for burials in seventy cemeteries of North Kingstown. There were no Olins listed. A visit to Newport Island produced the same negative results on the burials of the Olins.

Therefore, given the facts that John (I) Olin was living and died on his original 22½ acres in North Kingstown in 1742, it stands to reason he was buried in a cemetery nearby in the Town of North Kingstown and not in Newport .

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birth year to be 1664. In the absence of a recorded date for John Olin's birth, we wonder how reliable Nye's age of sixty-one is for John upon his death. Assuming it is reliable and knowing that John (1) Olin did die in 1742, John's birth year would become 1681, not 1664. Assuming that John was fourteen years old when he jumped ship, it would have happened in 1695, not 1678. The year on record for his marriage to Susannah Spencer is 1708, making John twenty-seven years old, not forty-four. The intervening years between his arrival years in America and his marriage would be thirteen years, not thirty years.

Questions arise surrounding family traditions, assumptions and speculations on many issues of the Olin family, but none are more challenging to historians than that of John (1) Olin, his birth year, parents and birth place.

I conclude that he was born between 1664 and 1681, probably in Bedfordshire, England, with ancestors dating back to 1200 in France. Olin was living and died on his original 22½ acres in North Kingstown in 1742, it stands to reason he was buried in a cemetery nearby in the Town of North Kingstown and not in Newport .

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CHART 4. SUSANNAH SPENCER'S ANCESTORS IN FRANCE AND ENGLAND

Generation	Names	Dates	Places	Other
1	John Olin Susannah Spencer	b 1680-1742 b 1680-1743	North Kingstown, RI Cambridge, MA	
2	Michael Spencer Rebecca Sweetman	b 1647-1722 d 1728	Cambridge, MA	
3	Michael Spencer Isobel Robbins	ch 1611-1653	Bedford, England	
4	(1) Gerrard Spencer Alice Whitebread	ch 1576-1646	Bedford, England	
5	Michael Spencer l-Annis Lymer 2-Elizabeth Whitebread	bca 1531	Bedford, England	
6	John Spencer Ann Gerrard	b ca 1505-1558	Bedford, England	
7	John Spencer Christain (?) Baker	b ca 1470	Bedford, England	
8	(l) Robert Spencer Anne Pecke	b ca 1460	Bedford, England	
9	John Spencer l - Ann Eupson 2 - Jane Grant			
10	John Spencer _____ Warsted		Wormleighton, England	
11	Henry Spencer Isabel Lincoln	-1447	Hampshire, England	
12	Thomas Spencer			
13	Nichols De Spencer Joan Poland		Defford, England	
14	John De Spencer Alice Deverall		Defford, England	
15	William De Spencer		Defford, England	

CHART 4, continued. SUSANNAH SPENCER'S ANCESTORS

Generation	Names	Dates	Places	Other
16	John De Le Spenser Joan De Lon			
17	Geoffrey De Le Spenser Emma De St John	-1242		Lord of Marchly
18	Geoffrey De Le Spenser	-1251		
19	(2) Thurstan DeLe Spenser Lucia _____	b1216-1248	Glouchester, England	Sherriff
20	Almaric De Le Spenser l-Aurah Chesney 2-Eldai Blewett		Rutlanshire, England	Sheriff
21	Thurstan De Le Spenser	living in 1135	England	
22	William De Le Spenser	living in 1100	England	
23	Robert d'Abitot	b lO36	in France	
24	Amary d'Abitot	b ca 1000	Tancarville, France	Lord
25	Gerold d'Hauteville Helindis d'Abitot		Tancarville, France	Lord
26	(2) Ralph d'Hauteville		Tancarvil1e, France	Lord
27	Tancred d'Hauteville 1-Murella* 2-Frescenda*	living in 912	Tancarville, France	Lord

*both daughters of Richard II, the good

Notes:

Generation

10: John Spencer of Wormleighton had a brother, William, who married Elizabeth Empson, a sister of Sir Richard. William's descendants lead to Edward John Spencer, 8th Earl Spencer, whose daughter, Lady Diana Frances Spencer, born 1July 1961, became the Princess of Wales upon marrying Prince Charles.

12: Thomas Spencer was the first to drop the De in De Spencer.

14: John De Spencer was known as Squire of the Body to King Henry V (keeping his wardrobe).

15: William De Spencer changed the small 's' to 'c' in Spenser and dropped the Le from De Le Spencer.

16: John De Le Spenser received Knighthood at full age.
20: Almaric De Le Spenser became Steward to King Richard I.
21: Thurstan De Le Spenser was next Steward to King Henry I.
22: William De Le Spenser was next Steward to King Henry I.
23: Robert d'Abitot was born in France. He and his brother, Urse, went over to England with William the Conqueror, in 1066. When William came to the throne, Robert became his Steward, and changed his name to Robert De Le Spenser. Robert and William were sort of cousins, both illegitimate descendants of Richard the good, Duke of Normandy.
25: Gerold d'Hauteville agreed to his wife's family name, d'Abitot as last name of his children.

CHART 5: JOHN AND SUSANNAH SPENCER'S CHILDREN IN RHODE ISLAND

JOHN OLIN
b. ca 1680 d. 28 Mar.1742
m. 4 Oct. 1708
SUSANNAH SPENCER
b. 6 Apr. 1680 d. 1743

Four (4) known children
JOESPH OLIN
b.29Aug1710 d.30Oct1760
m. 18 May, 1735
MARY AYLESWORTH
b. d. aft. 1771

RUHAMA	b. 1735
ELIZABETH	1737
MARY	1739
JOSEPH	1740
PHILLIP	1742
WIALTHIAM	1744
WILLIAM	1747
RUTH	1750
ANNE	1752
SARAH	1756

MARY AYLESWORTH OLIN
2 m. ca 1761
NATHAN BENNETT
b. d.

Ten (10) children (OLIN)
JOHN OLIN
b 8Mar 1712 d 24 Sep 1797
m. 8 Dec. 1734
SUSANNAH PEIRCE/PIERCE
b. 8 Apr. 1708 d. Feb. 1802

PHOEBE	b. 1735
JOHNATHAN	1737
JOHN	1739
JOHN	1741
GIDEON	1743
GILES	1745
BARBARA	1748

Seven (7) children (OLIN)
HENRY OLIN
b. 1719 d.1823
m. ca 1738
(unknown)
b. d.

JUSTIN	b. 1739
MARY	1742
PELEG	1746
HENRY	1749
CALEB	1753

2 m. 1 Sep. 1754
CHARITY VAUGHN
b. 20 June 1716 d.

Two (2) children (OLIN)

SUSANNAH

REBECCA

3 m. 17 June 1790
MARTHA REMINGTON
b. 18 Mar. 1724-5 d.
No children

4 m. 13 May 1810
SARAH AYLESWORTH
b. ca 1735 d.

Five (5) children (OLIN)
ELEANOR OLIN
b.1721 d.1797
m. 13 Aug. 1741
BENJAMIN CARPENTER
b 5 Oct.1719 d28 Jan1760

Six(6) children (CARPENTER)

SARAH	b. 1743
JANE	1744
ELISHA	1748
MARY	1751
ELIZABETH	1756
BENJAMIN	1759

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PART II

Joseph (2) Olin's Family in Rhode Island and Connecticut

"He that will not look backwards with reverence, will not look forward with hope!"
Edmund Burke

Chapter 3

Joseph (2) Olin's Marriage to Mary Alyesworth and Her Marriage to Nathan Bennett

The early years of Joseph (2) Olin are detailed in Volume I, Part III, Chapter 10, pages 73-80.

Joseph (2) Olin was born 29 August 1710 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, the oldest child of John (I) and Susannah Spencer Olin. Joseph was admitted freeman in Rhode Island Colony on the 30th day of April 1734, which allowed him political and civil liberties. He performed his duties as a juror and was elected to the town council.

His marriage to Mary Aylesworth took place in East Greenwich on 18 May 1735. Her parents were John and Dorcas Jones Aylesworth. They had ten children: Ruahama born 1735, Elizabeth 1737, Mary 1739, Joseph 1740, Phillip 1742, Wealthian 1744, William 1747, Ruth 1750, Anne 1752 and Sarah 1756. (See Chart 6)

Joseph (2) Olin enjoyed deep water fishing and proved to be a successful fisherman. However, Mary did not like the exposure of the seacoast rowdyism and the effects it may have on her children. She convinced Joseph to move inland to Exeter where he became a hog farmer.

Their first farm was purchased in 1752, thirteen years after the move to Exeter. Hog farming paid off. The Olins paid 1,200 pounds for thirty-eight acres with dwelling, plus three small lots of two and three-quarters each along a highway.

Yeoman Joseph Olin had become a successful hog farmer. Yet he longed for the fishing banks of the sea. Mary persuaded Joseph to purchase a larger farm, which they could well afford, on another Exeter highway. They paid 810 pounds for sixty-nine and one-half acres, a large house and some smaller buildings. The transaction was completed in 1756, nine days before the birth of their last child, Sarah. Joseph tried his best to be satisfied with his farm, but his yearning for the seas continued. Mary was determined not to return to the seacoast, so Joseph looked for something different. He accepted a job in a granite quarry near Scituate in northern Rhode Island.

Mary finally conceded that Joseph would not be content following the life of a full-time farmer and agreed to move with him to Scituate in 1758. After a few weeks on the job, happy Joseph Olin was promoted to foreman of the excavation gang. Unfortunately, an accident at the quarry injured three men and caused Joseph's death.

Joseph (2) Olin, who at the time was beginning to be known as OLDEN, died 30 October 1760 in Scituate, Rhode Island. He was only fifty years old and, not expecting an early death, had left no will. Mary was appointed administrix of his estate and guardian of her underage children.

Joseph's accumulated assets were considered good for the times. Yet Mary and her underage children became wards of the town until the probate of Joseph's estate was finalized. Of her ten children, six were under age. The youngest, Sarah, was four years old. The widow, Mary Olin, began to feel helpless and hopeless over delays with the probate proceedings. Her family was existing on the pittance voted by the Scituate town council for her support allowance.

Nathan Bennett, a farmer from Preston, Connecticut was making trips to the quarry near Scituate for foundation stones for a new barn. He became acquainted with Mary and her children and proposed marriage. Mary, desperate for companionship, recognizing the need for a father for her young children and needing the security of a

marriage, accepted Bennett's proposal if he would honor the decisions rendered by the town council and the Surrogate Judge.

A widower, Nathan Bennett was born 14 July 1709 in Stonington, New London County, Connecticut, was the son of John and Elizabeth Park/e Bennett and grandson of John and Ursula White Bennett. He purchased his father's farm in 1737, married Sarah Herenton, daughter of Isaac and Jemima Herendon, Jr. of Preston and had four children.

Mary Aylesworth Olin, widow of Joseph (2) Olin, apparently made the right commitment when she married Nathan Bennett. She had to forfeit any personal claim on Joseph's estate because of her marriage to Nathan Bennett. The date of marriage for Nathan and Mary escapes us. It probably took place about 1761 when the Olin family moved from Scituate to Preston. When Mary's father, John Aylesworth, died around 1770, he mentioned his daughter, Mary Bennett, in his will.

Nathan Bennett and Mary Aylesworth Olin Bennett continued to rear the six underage Olin children in Preston, New London County, Connecticut. The children were: Phillip, Wealthiam, William, Ruth, Anne and Sarah. Meanwhile, the four older Olin children; Ruahama, Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, were progressing with their adult lives.

Nathan died 24 March 1783 on his farm. His will mentioned a natural daughter, Sarah Davis. Mary Aylesworth Olin Bennett died a few years after Nathan's death.

CHART 6: AYLESWORTH AND OLIN FAMILY CONNECTION

Arthur AYLESWORTH
(First to arrive in America)
Quidnesset, Rhode Island 1679
Mary Brown

Children

1 - Phillip AYLESWORTH
Rachel Green

2 - Chad AYLESWORTH
1 - Elizabeth Major
2 - MaryWood

3 - Arthur AYLESWORTH
Mary Franklin
— Nine (9)Children

4 - Robert AYLESWORTH
Ann Davis
— David AYLESWORTH
Martha Franklin
— Three (3) Children
— Sarah AYLESWORTH
Joseph OLIN/OLDEN
b. 1740

5 - Mary AYLESWORTH
John Greene

6 - John AYLESWORTH
Dorcas Jones
— Eight (8) Children

7 - Elizabeth AYLESWORTH
1 - _____ Dolliver
2 - Peleg Card
— Mary AYLESWORTH
Joseph OLIN b. 1710
— Ten (10) Children
— Joseph OLIN/OLDEN b. 1740
Sarah AYLESWORTH

8 - Katherine AYLESWORTH
_____ Green

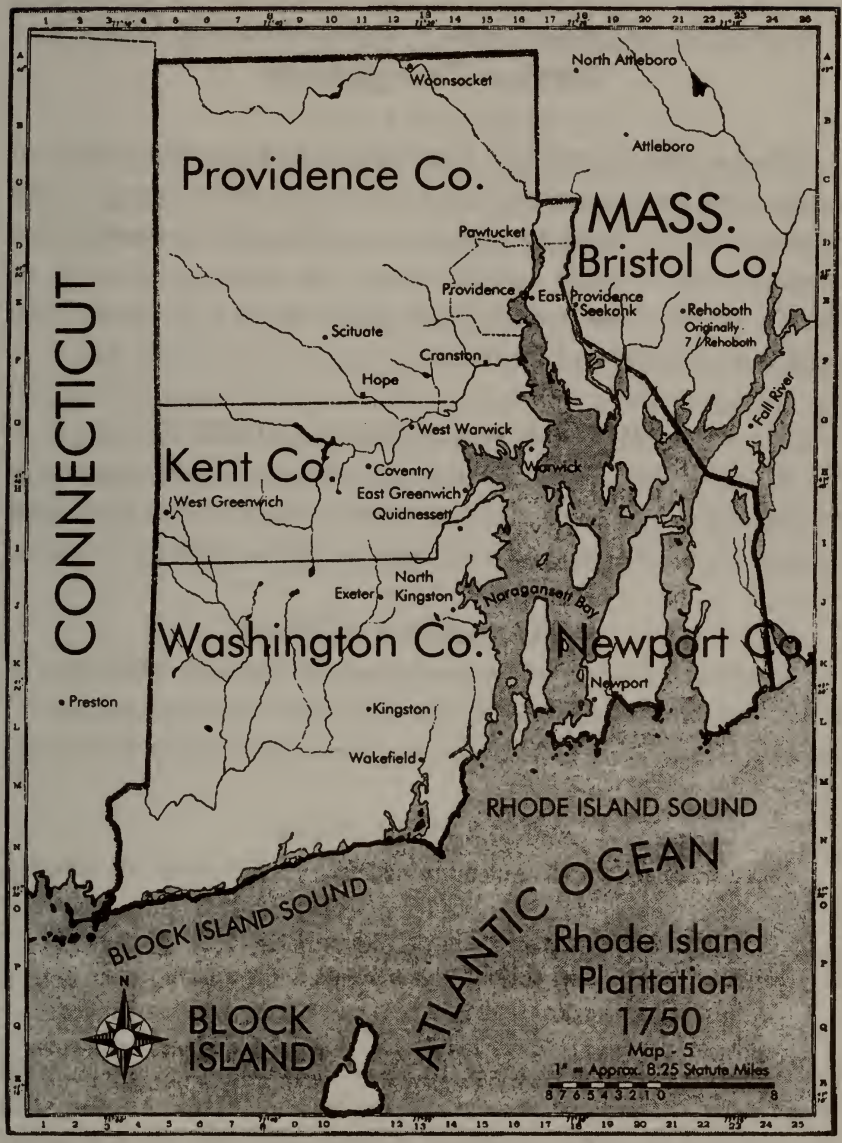
9 - Martha AYLESWORTH
John Davis
— Anthony AYLESWORTH
Sarah Briggs
— Eight (8) Children
— Sarah AYLESWORTH b.1736
Henry OLIN b. 1719

10 - Thomas AYLESWORTH
(mute)

This Sarah Aylesworth was an old maid, the 4th wife of Henry OLIN.

MAP 3 – THREE HUNDRED YEARS OF JOSEPH OLIN AND HIS DESCENDANTS

RHODE ISLAND PLANTATION 1750



Chapter 4

Joseph (2) and Mary Aylesworth Olin's Seven Daughters

Nathan Bennett provided a good home for Mary Olin, widow of Joseph Olin, and her underage children. Nathan allowed everyone the necessary time to cooperate with the town officials in Scituate,Rhode Island in order to settle Joseph's estate. The stories of all seven of Mary's daughters are written in detail in Volume I. An abbreviated version by order of births follows.

RUAHAMA/RUAHANNA OLIN (3)

What became of Ruahama Olin, the oldest child and daughter of Joseph and Mary Olin, who was born 8 March 1735-36 in East Greenwich, Kent County, Rhode Island, is still a mystery.

ELIZABETH OLIN (3)

Joseph and Mary Olin's second daughter, Elizabeth Olin, born ca 1737, married her neighbor, Benjamin Gardner/Gardiner and had 13 children. They moved to Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York.

MARY OLIN (3)

Joseph and Mary Olin's daughter Mary Olin, born 10 January 1739 in East Greenwich, married Benjamin Tiffany/Tiffing. Many of their descendants are listed in Volume I.

WEALTHIAM OLIN (3)

Joseph and Mary Olin's sixth child was a daughter, Wealthiam Olin, born 27 January 1744 in Exeter, Rhode Island. Although no record has surfaced for a marriage, it appears that she was married to Isaac Colegrove. Isaac Colegrove died shortly after his marriage and Wealthiam married John Spencer on 3 January 1769 in Preston, New London County, Connecticut.

RUTH OLIN (3)

Ruth Olin was the eighth child of Joseph and Mary's family. Born 5 August 1750 in Exeter, she was one of six children who accompanied their mother to the Nathan Bennett farm in Preston, New London County, Connecticut. A marriage of record has not been found.

ANN/ANNE OLIN (3)

Joseph and Mary Olin's ninth child, Anne Olin, was born in Exeter, Rhode Island on 30 July 1752. Anne was married on 8 December 1768 at Preston, Connecticut to Jonathan Williams.

SARAH OLIN (3)

Sarah Olin, was the youngest child in the Joseph and Mary Olin family. She married John Rayment of Hartford, Connecticut and had three children before their marriage failed. She returned home with a daughter and married her nephew, Benjamin Olin, son of Phillip and Mary Olin. Sarah Olin Rayment Olin died in 1794 shortly after giving birth to twins who died as infants.

Chapter 5

Joseph OLIN (3) and Mary Aylesworth's Three Sons

JOSEPH OLIN (3)

Joseph (3) Olin was born 1740 in Exeter, Washington County, Rhode Island, the first son of Joseph (2) and Mary Olin. When young Joseph was between ten and twelve years old, he was apprenticed to the Greene family in East Greenwich. The Greenes were well-to-do owners and operators of a "rope walk." After his father's death and his mother's marriage to Nathan Bennett, twenty-two year old Joseph felt free of family obligations. He left the rope walk and took a job at Scituate in the same quarry where his father had worked.

His marriage to Sarah Aylesworth, a cousin of his mother, daughter of David and Martha Aylesworth, took place about 1763. At that time Joseph Olin allowed his surname to become OLDEN.

Joseph Olin changed jobs again, right after the birth of his first two children. He owned a good team of horses and a rugged four wheel wagon. He put them to use by making two round trips a day hauling iron ore between the ore pits in Cranston and the Hope Furnace. The Hope Furnace operation was converting from the manufacture of wrought iron nails to cannons and cannon balls in support of the Revolutionary War. Joseph Olin continued to haul iron ore for the Hope Furnace throughout the war years.

Joseph (3) Olin/Olden left Scituate in 1781 to join others who were leaving Rhode Island for land inland. This family, known as Joseph OLDEN, settled on a small farm in the southwest corner of the Town of Guilford, Windham County, Vermont. Joseph and Sarah Olden had four sons and possibly four daughters (unidentified).

JOHN OLIN/OLDEN (4)

Joseph and Sarah Olden's (3) oldest son was John Olin. He married Sarah and relocated to Jericho, Chenango County, New York on lands

granted to Vermont Sufferers. One of his sons allowed his name to change from OLIN to OLEN. More about John (4) and Sarah Olin and their descendants is shown in Volume I and in this Volume II, Part X. (New input.)

JOSEPH OLIN/OLDEN (4)

Meanwhile, Joseph and Sarah Olden's second son, Joseph (4) Olden, born ca 1766 in Rhode Island, married Leah Cudworth and relocated in Whitingham in the east side of Windham County, Vermont. All children of Joseph (4) and Leah Cudworth Olin/Olden's family have continued to use the surname OLDEN, except for a son, Caleb, whose family moved to Michigan. He and his descendants have continued with the OLIN surname.

WILLIAM OLIN (4)

The third son of Joseph and Sarah Olden, William (4), born 28 November 1773, married Lucy Pollard. They lived in Chenango County, New York, and their descendants have continued with the OLIN surname.

REUBEN OLIN (4)

Reuben (4) Olin, born 1775, the youngest son of Joseph and Sarah OLIN/OLDEN, married Hannah Nichols, and remained on the Olin homestead in the Town of Guilford, Windham County, Vermont. Reuben's last name has appeared on several documents as OLIN, OLEN and OLDEN.

Volume I of *300 Years of Joseph Olin and His Descendants* is devoted entirely to the Joseph (3) and Sarah Aylesworth Olin descendents, including the above four named sons. Part X of Volume II contains additional information on John (4) Olin. We continue this volume with Joseph (3) Olin's brothers, William and Phillip (3) Olin, sons of Joseph and Mary Aylesworth Olin.

WILLIAM OLIN (3)

Joseph and Mary Alyesworth Olin's third son, William Olin,

born 13 Nov 1747 in Exeter, Washington County, Rhode Island, has been a mystery for many many generations. During the 1920-1940 years, dozens of queries about this William Olin were submitted to the Boston Transcript's genealogical correspondence column. Not one positive claim for his existence as a married man with a family surfaced. However, Clayton P. Olin of New Hampshire did find him listed in the Old War Department records for serving in the Revolutionary War. Repeated appeals to the modern Veterans National Archives always come back with "no such record" of this William Olin. Several other Olin family researchers have failed to produce any tangible data. Therefore, please bear with me while I present what I believe took place with this William Olin from the few facts I managed to find .

Although the National Archives in Washington, DC has repeatedly denied any existing record of a William Olin serving in the Revolutionary War, Clayton P. Olin of Lisbon, New Hampshire received a letter from Brigadier General J. A. Ulico, Acting Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, DC. The letter, dated 20 August 1941 states:

> "The records show that one William Olin served in the Revolutionary War as a Private in Captain Nathaniel Webb's Company, 4th Connecticut Regiment, commanded by Col. John Durkee. He enlisted April 26,1777 for a period of eight months, and was discharged December 31,1777."

It is apparent that this 30-year old William Olin served eight months in the Revolutionary War, returning home in January, 1778. Research reveals more proof of William Olin's participation in the Revolutionary War.

In Vol XII, *Collections of Connecticut Historical Societv, 1901,* a section is devoted to "Supplies, 1777-1779" that lists by name soldiers from Connecticut and their township. Information begins with:

> "An Alphlabitical Account of the Names of those who have Reciv^{d} Supplies from Towns, there Value at the Stated Price of 1776, and the Value of the Money Lodg^{d} by the

Soldjer, together with the Name of y^e^Town to which they belong. [sic]

"(In December 1776 the Assembly passed an act fixing and stating the price of sundry articles of provision and other commodities. The following August another act was passed permitting soldiers to deposit a certain proportion of their wages with the selectmen or a committee of the town in which they resided who were authorized to expend the sum so deposited in the purchase 'at the stated price' of provisions and supplies for the support of the family of the soldier making such deposit.)"

William Olin, son of Joseph (2) Olin and Mary Aylesworth, from the Town of Norwich was shown on the above list and shown in Volume VIII under the section "Soldiers Discharged and Deserted." Its descriptive paragraph reads:

"The United States D^r^ to the State of Connecticut for supplies to the families of Officers and Soldiers of the Connecticut Line who were discharged from or deserted the service before the first day of January 1780 and were not included in the settlement for depreciation on their pay."

Also on the list of names is Nathaniel Webb, Captain, from the Town of Norwich who was identified as Company Commander in 4th Connecticut Regiment, as stated in the Adjutant General's letter to Clayton P. Olin.

William Olin married ca 1780 in Griswold, but it is not known to whom. This marriage resulted in at least five children all born in Griswold, New London County, Connecticut: William, born ca 1782; Sabra, born ca 1784; Benajah, born ca 1786; Betsy, born ca 1787; and, Lucy, born ca 1788.

For some unknown reason, both William Olin and his wife died during the year 1789 while living in Lisbon. William died in Norwich and his wife died in Lisbon. Their deaths left the young children at the mercy of relatives and/or the courts. The oldest child, William, age

seven, was sent to a family who assumed guardianship. Benajah and his three sisters were taken in by their Uncle Phillip's family who lived in Griswold. The 1800 census supports the increase of children in the Phillip and Mary Olin family.

In a Court of Probate held 31 December 1789 in Norwich for the District of Norwich, State of Connecticut, presiding Honorable Andrew Huntington, Esq. ruled:

> "-----William Olin, son of William Olin late of Lisbon, deceased, a minor in the Town of Lisbon of lawful age to choose guardian and hath appeared in court and made choice of James Burham of Lisbon to be his guardian, who has accepted and who posted bond, acceptable to law." [sic]

WILLIAM OLIN (4)

Young William Olin probably received a good, healthy, upbringing and perhaps developed a skill of sorts in exchange for many years of required labor for his guardian. When he reached his majority, twenty-one year old William Olin left the Burham family and married about 1806. Like his father, the name of William's wife is not known. However, they lived in Griswold where at least five children were born. Three of the five children died while in their twenties. It appears that William's wife died shortly after the birth of their last child. No hint of when William Olin died has been found.

William Olin's children were: Daniel Olin, born ca 1808, who died 20 Sept 1837, and was buried in the Geer Burying Ground; Benajah Olin born ca 1813, who died 23 Feb 1834, and was buried in the Geer Burying Ground; George H. Olin, born ca 1815, who married Elizabeth Ann _____; James Olin, born ca 1832, who married Elizabeth Abbott. James died 14 June 1848 and was buried in the Geer Burying Ground; Charles Olin, born ca 1833 appears to be the last known child. There could have been some daughters born as indicated by the spacing of years between the births of the sons.

Going back to the older children of William Olin, Benajah and his three sisters were taken in by their uncle and aunt, Phillip and Mary Olin. We find Benajah and Lucy included in a list of "Pupils

attending school in North Society, Preston, during the winter of 1798-99." North Society later became known as Griswold in 1815. Phillip Olin was shown as "proprietor," meaning owner of the children named. Some of Phillip Olin's younger children also appeared on the same list. At that time Benajah was 12 years old and Lucy was ten. Although Sabra would have been 14 years old and Betsy 11 years, their names did not appear on the listing.

SABRA OLIN (4)

Sabra/Sarah Olin, daughter of William (4) Olin, was born in 1784 according to First Congregational Church of Griswold. The Stanton family genealogy has a Sabra Olin marrying Jason Jabez Stanton in Preston, 3 August 1794. It is highly unlikely that Sabra was married when she was ten years old. Her birth year, 1784, blends in with her siblings and she did marry Jason Jabez Stanton, but the date of 1794 for the marriage I believe to be in error.

BETSY OLIN (4)

Sabra's sister, Betsy Olin, born ca 1787, married Lyman Hall, manager of a farm owned by Newell Minor in the Town of Simsbury, Hartford County, Connecticut. Lyman and Betsy Hall received low wages for their long hours on the Minor farm, yet they had a good life. They were fortunate to live in a spacious tenant house and were provided with firewood, milk and cheese, farm meat and garden produce for their dining table.

LUCY OLIN (4)

The youngest of William's (4) three daughters, Lucy Olin, born ca 1788, married William Hathaway, born ca 1787. The marriage took place in the First Congregational Church in Griswold, 1809. William and Lucy Hathaway relocated later to Cuyler, Cortland County, New York. The Hathaways had three children: Roby, born 1810; Mary Ann, born 1816, who married Elija Euson; and, Squire, born 1828.

MARY ANN HATHAWAY (5)

Elijah and Mary Ann Euson had one child, John Euson, born 1830. Mary Ann was married a second time to Ira Hudson and had two more children: Warren and Lurancy Hudson. Mary Ann's third marriage to Horace Gay resulted in two additional children: Dwight, born 1850, and Emma born 1853.

Lucius Hathaway born 1833, married Sarah C. Poole. Lucius and Sarah Cornelia Poole Hathaway had three children: Devillo B., born 1863, who married Ella M. Allen; Celia, born 1868; and, Mary, born 1876.

Devillo B. Hathaway and Ella M. Allen, born 1862, generated a family of nine children: Harold D., born 1887; Stanley L., born 1888; Clarence B., born 1890; Nila G., born 1892; Edson W., born 1894; Nellie E., born 1896; Homer B., born 1898; Warren A., born 1901; and Ina F., born 1906.

Clarence B. Hathaway married Roxie C. Sherman in 1919. Roxie was born 1899. Their six Hathaway children were: Ronald S., born 1920; Mary A., born 1925; David S., born 1927; Jean Ann, born 1929; Clarence D., born 1934; and, Janice R., born 1942.

Jean Ann Hathaway married Maurice E. Dick, born 1929, and they had at least one child, Susan A. Dick, a tenth generation descendant of John Olin (1) up through the Joseph (2) and Phillip (3) branch.

PHILLIP OLIN (3)

Phillip Olin, born 5 December 1742, Exeter, Washington County, Rhode Island, was the second son of Joseph and Mary Aylesworth Olin. Phillip was the oldest of the six children who accompanied their mother to a new home in Preston, Connecticut, after the death of her husband, Joseph Olin. Mary A. Olin married a second time to a farmer, Nathan Bennett, who provided her and the children with an excellent home in Preston. Nathan cooperated with Mary and the courts regarding the children's inheritance making sure each underage child received an equal share.

Phillip Olin received 104 pounds, nine shillings and six pence in December 1768, three years after his marriage to Mary Green on 28

October in New London, Connecticut. Mary Green was born 13 February 1741 in New London, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Green. John Green's father, William, lived in Stoningham, New London County. The money from the estate of his father, Joseph, was used wisely by Phillip and Mary in purchasing a workable farm in the Town of Preston.

Phillip and Mary Green Olin had nine children, all born in Preston. They raised all to maturity except for young Phillip who died when he was three years old. The other children were: Lucy; Benjamin; Elizabeth; Squire/Ezerene; Newbury; Mary; Anthony; and,William. This Olin family belonged to the First Congregational Church in Preston.

The Olins continued to reside in Preston long after their children left. However, Mary became restless for a more exciting life. She convinced Phillip to leave the farm and take residence in Groton, a thriving village on the east side of the Thames River, across from the city of New London, New London County. Both places were heavily populated with a social life much to Mary's interest.

It just so happened that Phillip was exposed to three major wars involving the growth and independence of our great nation. Fortunately, for all Americans at that time and their descendants of today, a life of independence and survival was secured. The French and Indian War challenged the British and Colonists over the control of Canada, the coastal colonies, and the north west area (Ohio & Michigan). This war commenced in 1754 and ended in 1763 with France the loser.

The Revolutionary War against the British started in 1775, ceasing in 1781 with victorious American colonists claiming their independence. Phillip Olin served in Parson's regiment of the Connecticut State Militia which was on constant alert to ward off any attempt by the British to land along their coast. The British were a threat while they occupied nearby Naragansett Bay in Rhode Island. Phillip's brother, William, had joined a volunteer regiment in Hartford, Connecticut.

The British attacked the Americans in 1812 trying to regain control of the newly organized and struggling United States, only to be defeated again.

Phillip Olin returned to Preston about 1810 and joined with others to divide the Town of Preston into two towns. He and his son, Squire, signed the successful petition, 26 April 1815, that established the Town of Griswold from the north half of Preston. Later in that same year, parents in the Griswold area of "North Society Preston" expressed their dissatisfaction with the school system. Phillip Olin served on the committee to improve the 14th or Johnson School District.

Mary Green Olin died 28 August 1816 at age 75 and was buried in the Griswold Cemetery. Mary had not been living with Phillip during her last six years and probably consented to a divorce. Phillip Olin married 33-year old Margaret Latham on 7 September 1810 in Griswold. Margaret died 11 June 1821 at age 44. Phillip married again to Avilata Abel from the nearby Town of Franklin on 24 January 1822. This marriage was short, lasting only three years before Phillip's death in 1825 at age 83.

Note: All three marriages are recorded in Connecticut. One of Phillip's great granddaughters, Phebe Esther Olin Watrous Chapman, daughter of Jeffrey Olin, mentioned in a letter to Clayton P. Olin of New Hampshire that Phillip had had three wives.

Phillip had established a good sound rapport with his fellow citizens and stood a cut above others financially. In 1775, the Grand List of Taxpayers had Phillip Olin taxed for $144, based on 3% real evaluation equaling $4800. The following year, under the same ground rules, his taxes were tripled. His principal place of residence was known as "Phillip Olin's Plantation." Their house was as good or better than the average, having an oak interior with many spacious rooms with noble door heads, several fireplaces, large windows, and open stairs to the second floor. It probably had a long lean-to and/or a large overhang for summer comfort and for fuel storage in the winter. Their fences were either made of split wood rails or of laid field stones. The going price of laying a rod (16½ feet) of field stone wall when stones were available on site was $1.00.

In 1804 Phillip sold 240 acres of his Plantation to General John Tyler. The records indicate that this was his home farm and Phillip specifically added a clause reserving from the total '20 acres east and south of the highway that includes our house next to Lydia Bennett's property.' He wasn't about to give up his beautiful house.

When Phillip returned from Groton he continued to increase his land holdings in the Towns of Preston, Griswold, Jewett City and up north in Canterbury. He was known as a "land baron," always buying and selling, making unusual profits. His first speculative purchase was 30 acres in Town of Preston, 1771, when he was 29 years old and had his first four children. His next purchase was from his step-father, Nathan Bennett, a three-acre parcel for 8 pounds. In the six-year period preceding his death, Phillip sold seven properties totaling 984 acres in Jewett City for $5,800.90.

Phillip had a special knack for recognizing potentially choice, resalable properties. He carried many mortgages. The Building Committee for the Second Society of Preston was looking for a special lot, so Phillip sold them 20 acres. He sold 114 acres to the Selectmen of Preston, who were planning future growth. Phillip sold 2.75 acres below Jewett City to Lebbus Geer, who established the Geer Burying Ground. Other than buying and selling real estate, Phillip was a rent-collecting landlord and money lender. He bought a brickyard for a very low price from Ambrus Blunt during the winter of 1792-93.

Problems surfaced at times with Phillip's buying, selling, renting and mortgaging property. He was on friendly terms with the Justice of Peace, the Sheriff and a judge or two. Because Phillip was recognized as a honest man, the Sheriff had "peace of mind" whenever he was required to serve papers on Phillip's behalf. In 1786, Mr. Waters owed Phillip twelve pounds, roughly $48, and refused to pay. The Court ordered the Sheriff to take Waters to the keeper of the gaol (jail) in Norwich until Waters agreed to pay in full or serve a minimum of one year. Waters paid in full within two days. In another case in 1786, Phillip was awarded 7 pounds for back taxes he had paid on behalf of the other owner of a large house. The court made Phillip's partner promise to pay his share of taxes on a timely basis.

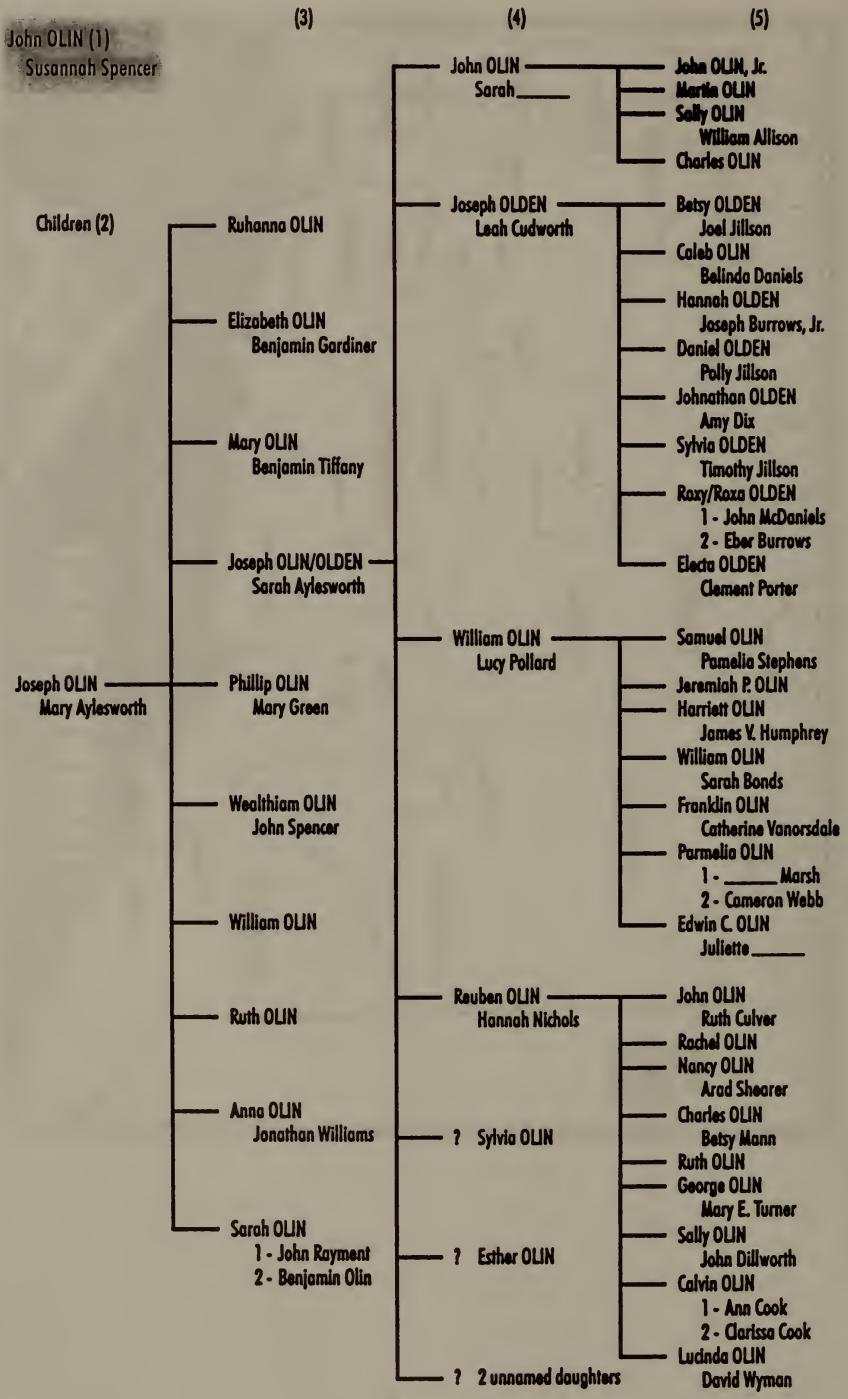
Phillip had a compassionate heart at times. In 1804, Daniel Morgan paid Phillip $326.50 for a farm. Instead of staying on the farm, Morgan decided to move from the area. He died while out of town, leaving his wife, Lurniah, seven small children, one an infant, with no means of support. The Selectmen of Preston were charged with her support and in turn demanded Phillip's $326.50 for her support. If she were to

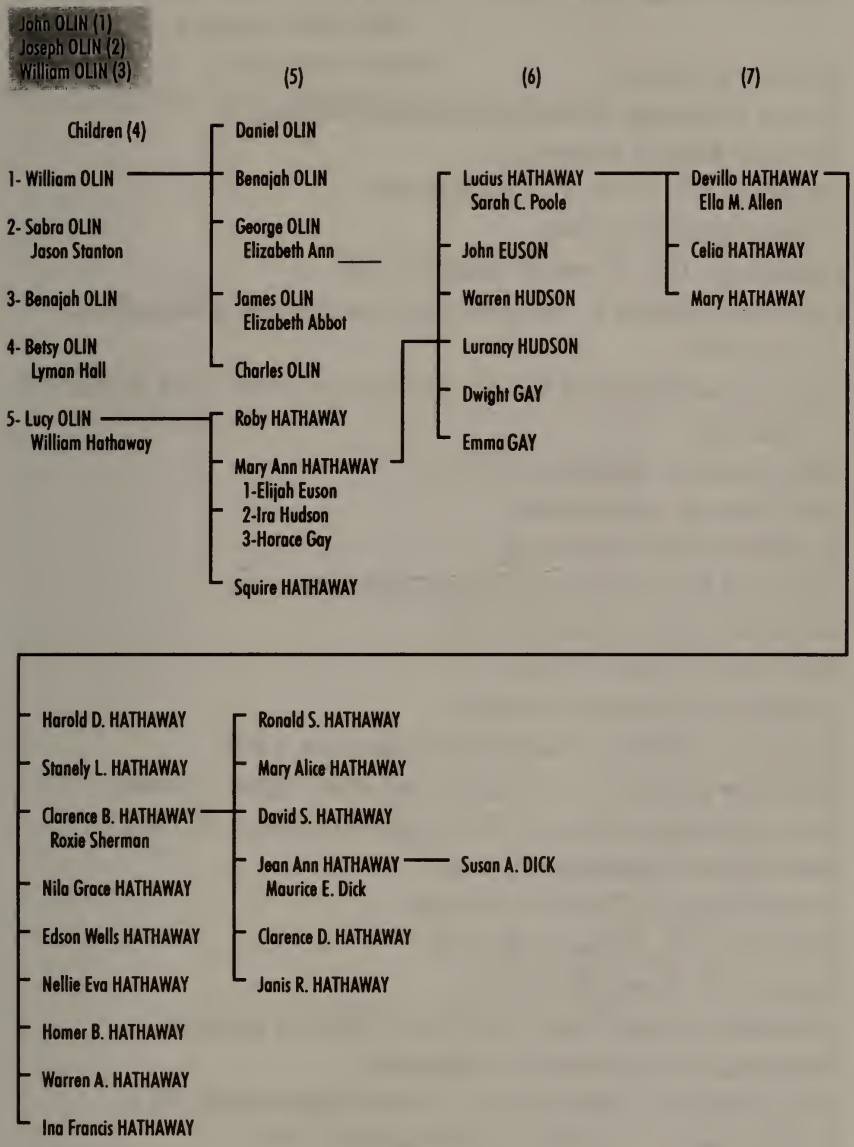
die, any remaining monies would go to the children, all daughters. Phillip agreed.

This Volume II continues with Phillip and Mary Olin's family and their genealogical history. Many of their ascending branches lead to our 11th and 12th generations.

MAP # 4. Connecticut Towns and Villages

CHART 7 JOSEPH AND MARY AYLESWORTH'S DESCENDANTS

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Joseph OLIN (2)
William OLIN (3)
(5)
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Children (4)
1- William OLIN
2- Sabra OLIN
Jason Stanton
3- Benajah OLIN
4- Betsy OLIN
Lyman Hall
5- Lucy OLIN
William Hathaway
Daniel OLIN
Benajah OLIN
George OLIN
Elizabeth Ann ____
James OLIN
Elizabeth Abbot
Charles OLIN
Roby HATHAWAY
Mary Ann HATHAWAY
1-Elijah Euson
2-Ira Hudson
3-Horace Gay
Squire HATHAWAY
Lucius HATHAWAY
Sarah C. Poole
John EUSON
Warren HUDSON
Lurancy HUDSON
Dwight GAY
Emma GAY
Devillo HATHAWAY
Ella M. Allen
Celia HATHAWAY
Mary HATHAWAY
Harold D. HATHAWAY
Stanely L. HATHAWAY
Clarence B. HATHAWAY
Roxie Sherman
Nila Grace HATHAWAY
Edson Wells HATHAWAY
Nellie Eva HATHAWAY
Homer B. HATHAWAY
Warren A. HATHAWAY
Ina Francis HATHAWAY
Ronald S. HATHAWAY
Mary Alice HATHAWAY
David S. HATHAWAY
Jean Ann HATHAWAY
Maurice E. Dick
Susan A. DICK
Clarence D. HATHAWAY
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PART III

Phillip Olin (3) and Mary Greene's Family in Connecticut

"Looking up the family tree is anything but a snap, especially when you discover that you might be the sap."

— Lou Sequin

Chapter 6

Phillip and Mary Olin's Daughters Lucy, Elizabeth and Mary Olin

LUCY OLIN (4)

Phillip Olin made it a point to keep in touch yearly with his sisters Elizabeth Gardiner and Mary Tiffany and with his brother Joseph, back in Rhode Island. Joseph was two years older than Phillip, and both shared the same interests and philosophies, including their father's belief in no violence toward mankind. Phillip traveled the 40-mile ride by horse alone until his favorite and oldest daughter, Lucy, made it known that she would like to go with him. Being the first-born daughter, Lucy was expected to assist her mother in the raising of the younger siblings. She performed her tasks ably, without complaint and with dedication and devotion throughout her teen years. When she became 20 years old, Lucy began to wonder about her future. Because of the burden her mother had placed on her shoulders, Lucy had very little time for social life. She wasn't meeting any eligible young men whom she might consider for marriage.

Lucy convinced her father that she deserved a week off from her family duties and would like to go with him on his next week-long trip to her aunts and cousins in Rhode Island. Phillip agreed and took 21-year-old Lucy Olin with him in 1787. She was introduced to many

young men, but it was James A. Frasier of South Kingstown, Rhode Island, who brought a sparkle to her eyes and a flutter in her heart. She secretly considered James the type of man whom she would consider marrying. But James was completely unaware of her thoughts.

Another year went by before Phillip and Lucy again visited the Olins in Rhode Island. Meanwhile, Lucy's 19-year-old brother, Benjamin, had been making the same trip on his own three or four times a year. Whether intentionally or unconsciously, Benjamin disclosed Lucy's secret admiration of James Frasier. So, when Phillip and Lucy arrived in Rhode Island, James Frasier made it known that he was interested in courting Lucy. The week-long romance blossomed into a serious romance with James's frequent appearance at the Olin Plantation in Connecticut.

James A. Frasier and Lucy Olin were married on 17 March 1789 in Preston, New London County, Connecticut. The marriage ceremony was performed by General John Tyler, Esq., at the Phillip Olin Plantation.

James A. Frasier was born 29 October 1754 in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, the son of Phillip Frasier. He was a veteran of the American Revolutionary War, enlisting 1778 at Proidence, RI, and serving as a Private in Captain Dexter's Company L of Jeremiah Oney's Regiment of the Rhode Island Continental Army.

Shortly after their marriage, the James A. Frasier family relocated from Rhode Island or Connecticut to the Cherry Valley area of New York State. They bought and sold at least two parcels of land in the Towns of Westfield and Cherry Valley, Otsego County, New York. No records have surfaced that truly identify James A. and Lucy Olin Frasier's children. However, United States census and land transfer records indicate that they may have had as many as seven children: Phillip, James, Jr., Quartus, Susan, William, possibly Clark, and two unnamed daughters.

Phillip Frasier married Phoebe Robbins, daughter of George and Phoebe Hicks Robbins, in April 1812 in Otsego County, New York. No marriage record has been found for Quartus, yet the census indicates a female of proper age for the wife. Quartus moved from Otsego County to Bolton, Warren County, New York, where he invited his aging parents to share his home.

Susan Frasier has been linked to a marriage in 1805 to John Robbins, but either the date is wrong or she was a different Susan Frasier. In a deposition dated 1820, James A. Frasier named his daughter, Susan, to be living at home at age 18.

The James Frasier family kept in touch with Lucy's brother, Benjamin Olin, who was living in Preston, Connecticut, and with her sister, Mary Olin Ellis, who was living in Norwich, Connecticut. Phillip was named after his grandfather, and James was named after his father.

On 20th June 1820, James A. Frasier applied for a Revolutionary War Veteran's pension, pleading health and debtor circumstances. He owed $240 to different creditors. James stated:

> "My occupation is that of a farmer but my health is such that I am wholly unable to labor. I have a wife, aged fifty-five years, she enjoys poor health. I have two children and two grandchildren who live with me. Susan, aged 18 is unable to labor, William, aged 15, he is a weakly and puny boy.
>
> "My grandchildren John is three years old and my grand child Nijah is 15 months, and both dependant on me." [sic]

James A. Frasier did receive a small pension during the 1820s and early 1830s. When he died in 1834 in Warren County, New York, Lucy applied for and received a widow's pension until her death shortly after 1850. Both James and Lucy Olin Frasier are buried in the Frasier Cemetery, in Horicon, Warren County, New York.

Descendants of James A. and Lucy Olin Frasier are many, particularly through their son Phillip and his wife Phoebe Robbins. Chart 10 shows one line from John Olin (1) to his great granddaughter, Lucy Olin (4), and her marriage to James A. Frasier and their descendants to (10) generation William Robert Frasier. This line of the Frasier family migrated to Chautauqua County, New York, through Shiawassee County, Missouri, and finally to Eastland County, Texas.

ELIZABETH OLIN (4)

Phillip and Mary Green Olin's fourth child, Elizabeth, was born 2

August 1770, in Preston, New London County, Connecticut, and was married to Nathan Rose on 12 August 1790 in Preston. Nathan Rose was born 30 December 1749, son of Peter and Elizabeth Fitch Rose, of Preston.

Nathan and Elizabeth Rose moved to Jewett City in northern London County, near where Elisha Rose, Nathan's older brother, had built a flax seed oil processing mill on the Pachaug River in 1804. Apparently, Nathan and Elisha were co-owners of the expanded mill that included a saw for cutting lumber, a shingle maker, and a stone for grinding grains.

In 1809, the brothers sold the mill to John Lafayette Tibbets, who had it torn down. The mill site was perfect for Tibbets' plan to build a new modern mill for manufacturing cotton material from raw cotton shipped north from the southern states. Cotton material manufacturing mills were becoming fashionable in New England because of the cheap and abundant water power and labor, making it a profitable business. The location of the new Jewett City Cotton Mill, as it was named, was the best in all nearby river valleys. The company also bought privilege for two additional dams on the Pachaug River for mill expansion.

About 1815, the Fanning brothers, Charles and John W., purchased the mill from Jewett City Cotton Company. The cotton mill was appraised at $21,888 and had a payroll of 60 employees, plus weavers who worked by contract in their homes. Raw cotton was converted into yarn for both warps and filling and dyed and finished ready for weaving. Several members of the Olin family worked in the cotton mills of Jewett City, Connecticut.

Charles Fanning emerged as the driving force behind the successful expansion process on more land adjacent to the large mill purchased from Phillip Olin. Years later, Fanning sold the huge mill complex, and it was renamed Ashland Cotton Company.

Additional information about the Nathan Rose and Elizabeth Olin alliance has not been recognized.

MARY OLIN (4)

Phillip and Mary Olin's seventh child, Mary, born 21 October 1775, in Preston, New London County, Connecticut, married

_____ Ellis, a gentleman from Norwich, where they made their home. Either she or he died in 1844, at Norwich.

Chapter 7

Phillip (3) and Mary Olin's Son, Ezrene/Squire Olin

The third son of Phillip and Mary Green Olin was Ezrene, born 14 April 1997 in Preston, 13 days after the death of his three-year-old brother, Phillip. Records show that this son was referred to as Ezrene at times, and at times as Squire during his formative years. Perhaps one was a middle name or that, upon maturity, the son assumed the name Squire Olin.

Squire married Alice Walton, born 23 March 1780, daughter of Daniel and Zerviah Walton. The Town of Preston marriage record, 4 April 1799, names the bridegroom as Ezrene Olin which was the last time Ezrene was used. From then on, he was known as Squire Olin.

The Walton family served their community faithfully with emphasis on improving the educational opportunities for all children in both New London and Windham Counties of Connecticut. One of Alice Walton's cousins, John Walton, graduated from Yale and accepted a schoolmaster's position at Plainfield for a salary of $40.00 a year, plus his board and lodging, plus a horse and its board and lodging. One could say that his salary was clear of living expenses except for clothing.

Squire Olin became enthused with farming and its associated chores. While a youngster, he began to observe the transformation and beauty of seeds to fruitful plants and the birth of animals. His father, Phillip, and older brother, Benjamin, were lackadaisical in their attitude and participation in the everyday duties of farming. Perhaps Squire, thinking of his future, took the easy way by applying himself to becoming a successful farmer. He considered his required schooling unnecessary, mind boggling and requiring too much concentration. Every time he tried to concentrate at home or school, his tongue would automatically hang out. Nevertheless, he survived the criticism and embarrassment by quitting school early, but he continued to share his tongue with others for the rest of his life.

About 1830, Squire and Alice Olin left their first farm in Preston, New London County and moved north near Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut. While in Preston, the Olins had at least eight children. Confusion exists about the early children. Squire and Alice were married in 1799. The 1800 census indicated the family had three children under the age 5: two daughters and a son, supposedly. At the time, the Olins were noted for taking orphaned or helpless Olin children into their home. All children's names and births are: Eunice, 1796; JoAnne, ca 1798; Frederick, 1801; Susan/Susannah, ca 1804; Esther, 1806; Mariah, ca 1808; Henry, ca 1810; and Elisha, 1817.

Young Frederick Olin, born 1801, was also known as Frederick Green in his early years. He may have been a grandchild of Mary Green and adopted by Squire although no supportive records have been found about Frederick Green Olin, and no record of an earlier marriage for either Squire or Alice has surfaced. Such a marriage could account for the first couple of children.

Squire and Alice Olin were living next door to their nephew, Nathaniel Olin, in Canterbury when Squire died, 17 February 1853. Alice returned to her Walton family to live out her remaining years with a childless nephew, Rufus and Marico Walton. Rufus was a master carpenter who opened his home for Alice's comfort until her death, 20 June 1863. Both Squire and Alice Olin were buried in the Jewett City Cemetery between Preston and Canterbury.

Squire Olin had a local reputation of having a philosophical, rational attitude toward any problem. He claimed that his father, Phillip Olin, often said, "Criticism of others is intolerable, particularly their life style. Who are we to compare those of primitive means to those in successful positions. Just because there is a difference does not mean a difference in being equal. It's like comparing apples and peaches; they may be different in looks yet alike or equal as a fruit, both satisfying the individual's taste." Squire's accepting attitude gave him status in Windham County.

Connecticut, as other northern states, was engulfed with internal and national debate over the pro-slavery and anti-slavery issue. In 1832, Prudence Crandall, a school teacher in Plainfield, decided to open a boarding school for young black girls in Canterbury. The

shortage of black females responding from the state of Connecticut prompted Prudence to advertise for students from adjacent states. The bringing in of black girls from out of state to her special private boarding school for black females infuriated the citizens, who had already voiced their negative feeling about the school.

After receiving several threats to her school, students and herself, Prudence decided to enlist the aid of William Lloyd Garrison, a well-known abolitionist and publisher in Boston, Massachusetts, and Rev. S. J. May from Brooklyn, Connecticut. The Connecticut

Prudence Crandell

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List of branches taught and cost.

PRUDENCE CRANDALL,

PRINCIPAL OF THE CANTERBURY, (CONN.) FEMALE

BOARDING SCHOOL.

RETURNS her most sincere thanks to those who have patronized her School, and would give information that on the first Monday of April next, her School will be opened for the reception of young Ladies and little Misses of color. The branches taught are as follows:—Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, History, Natural and Moral Philosophy, Chemistry, Astronomy, Drawing and Painting, Music on the Piano, together with the French language.

☞ The terms, including board, washing, and tuition, are $25 per quarter, one half paid in advance.

☞ Books and Stationary will be furnished on the most reasonable terms.

For information respecting the School, reference may be made to the following gentlemen, viz.—

ARTHUR TAPPAN, Esq.
Rev. PETER WILLIAMS,
Rev. THEODORE RAYMOND
Rev. THEODORE WRIGHT,
Rev. SAMUEL C. CORNISH,
Rev. GEORGE BOURNE,
Rev. Mr. HAYBORN,
} N. YORK CITY.

Mr. JAMES FORTEN,
Mr. JOSEPH CASSEY,
} PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. S. J. MAY,—BROOKLYN, CT.
Rev. Mr. BEMAN,—MIDDLETOWN, CT.
Rev. S. S. JOCELYN,—NEW-HAVEN, CT.
Wm. LLOYD GARRISON
ARNOLD BUFFUM,
} BOSTON, MASS.
GEORGE BENSON,—PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Senate, House, and Governor Henry W. Edwards passed a special statute forbidding importation of black students for private schools. But Prudence ignored the new law and continued to import black females for her Canterbury School. She was taken to court twice where juries of her peers found her guilty of breaking the law that was specifically designed to prevent her unwanted activities.

It so happened that Squire Olin served on the jury for the first trial, August 1833. He still carried his father's conviction that, "People being what they were, were happy being what they were." The Olins had never owned blacks; yet Squire understood both the need to free the slaves in the south and to educate all blacks in the United States. However, Squire Olin had no other choice but to agree with other members of the jury in declaring Prudence guilty of importing black females for her boarding school. She was tried again in August 1833 and lost, electing to serve time in jail in lieu of fines.

Prudence Crandall's case was carried up to the Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors in July 1834 who declared her persecutors defeated on a technicality. The towns-people of Canterbury were unhappy with the Court's decision and began another series of vicious

Prudence Crandall School for Negro Girls, 1833, Canterbury, Connecticut.

Photo courtesy of Prudence Crandall Museum.

attacks. Her beautiful school was set afire, windows broken and the well filled with manure. Village merchants, hostellers, doctors and others refused to do any business with her or her students. She gave up, sent her students home, closed her school and moved west to Kansas where she started anew. Both the white and black people in her Kansas community respected her and her ideals.

Squire Olin was ashamed of the actions of his Canterbury neighbors in which he played no part. The fact that Prudence actually broke a law which obligated him to call her guilty bothered his conscience until his death.

So much for abolitionist activities in the north during the 1830s.

UNICE OLIN (5)

Unice Olin, born 1796 in Jewett City, New London County, CT. married Ezra Spaulding on 20 October 1822. Elder Reed performed the ceremony in the Town of Griswold. Ezra Spaulding was born 29 July 1792 in Preston and later christened in Jewett City. Unice and Ezra Spaulding had a son, Henry Spaulding, born 7 March 1824. Unice Olin Spaulding died in 1879 and was buried in the Geer Burying Ground near Jewett City. Her engraved tombstone has the dates "1793-1879." Her birth year disagrees with that of record.

JOANNE OLIN (5)

Joanne Olin, the second child of Squire and Alice Olin, was born about 1798 and married Harkness/Harkless Phillips, a spinner at a spinnery yarn mill, on 12 October 1823 in Griswold, New London County, Connecticut. The 1850 census lists four children living at home: Jane Phillips, born ca 1831; Olive Phillips, born ca 1835; Ann Phillips born 1840; and, Henry Phillips, born 1845. Undoubtedly there were other children born between 1823 and 1831 who may have left home. Also living with the Phillips family was twenty-three-year-old Mary Ann Olin, their servant. Mary Ann was the daughter of Frederick and Hannah Olin, a brother to Joanne Olin.

Harkness Phillips died in his home in Williamtic, Windham County, Connecticut, 17 February 1860 at age sixty.

FREDERICK OLIN (5)

Frederick Olin, also known as Frederick Green in his younger years, had the honor of being the first son in the Squire and Alice Olin family of nine children. He repeated marriage vows three times. Frederick, born 25 February 1801 in Griswold, first married Hannah Weeks (born about 1803 in Exeter, Rhode Island) on 16 October 1825 at Griswold with Justice of Peace Browning officiating. Frederick and Hannah had a daughter, Mary Ann Olin, 29 November 1827 in Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut. Hannah Weeks, the first wife of Frederick Olin died 1 March 1828, three months after the birth of their daughter, Mary Ann.

MARY ANN OLIN (6)

Mary Ann Olin married Charles S. Grannis, 13 February 1842 at Farmington, Hartford County, Connecticut. The marriage ceremony performed by Rev. Shill failed to last with a childless marriage. Mary Ann's second marriage to John L. Hyde on 24 March 1851 took place in her home town Methodist Episcopal Church by Elder Fillmore. Mary Ann and John L. Hyde raised a daughter, Hannah A. Hyde, born 6 June 1852 who married Henry M. Bushnell in Hanover, Massachusetts. On 25 January 1877. Henry Bushnell was born 26 Mary 1840 and died 5 December 1922 in Canterbury. Henry and Hannah had a son, Howard L. Bushnell born 30 April 1878.

John L. Hyde's parents were Comfort and Jirah Hyde of Hanover, Massachusetts. John became a minister of the gospel in his later years. He was named sole administrator for his father-in-law's estate. Mary Ann Olin Hyde died 14 November 1904 and was buried in Packerville Cemetery, Canterbury.

Frederick Olin's second marriage took place seven months later on 14 September 1828 in Jewett City by Rev. Bliss. His new wife, Charity Rathbun/Rathburn/Rathbone, born in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, was the daughter of Nathan Rathbun. The 1850 census indicates two Rathbun children living with Frederick and Charity Olin: Eliza Jane Rathbun, born ca 1837, Lisbon, New London County, Connecticut; and, Louis S. Rathbun, born ca 1839, Canterbury,

Windham County, Connecticut. The children may have been orphans or result of an earlier marriage for Charity.

Frederick Olin was a schemer always trying to best the other person, whether it be in real estate, produce or spirits. He managed to accumulate his share of public wealth with seemingly little effort. Land deals of record show him buying and selling well over 15 parcels between 1828 and 1880, including some with his brothers and brothers-in-law. In 1870, the Methodist Congregational Church in Canterbury was holding services on the second floor above a hardware store. Frederick sold the trustees a site on "The Plains" where the first and only Methodist Church in the area was erected.

Charity Rathbun Olin, Frederick's second wife, died suddenly on 30 October 1865 in Griswold. He married again on 18 March 1866 to Emily G. Austin Comins/Cummings, widow of David Cummings who had seven children.

Emily appeared to have gained control of the family purse strings. She was the first to die, 26 April 1888, in Canterbury. She left a peculiar will that inferred she and Frederick may not have been on the best of terms. In her will, she left specific sums of money, such as $250 up to $500, plus itemized household goods and residual savings accounts to all of her own children. In regards to her husband, Frederick, no cash was mentioned: just this one clause, "I give and bequeath my husband, Frederick Olin, the use of my household furniture as he may need or desire."

But before the courts acted on her behalf, Frederick Olin died on 20 August 1888, four months after his wife. The courts finally settled Emily's will in October 1888 in favor of her children and settled Frederick's residual portion in March 1889 to the benefit of his natural daughter, Mary Ann Olin Hyde. Frederick Olin and his first two wives, Hannah Weeks and Charity Rathburn were buried in the Geer Burying Ground, Jewett City.

SUSANNAH OLIN (5)

Susannah Olin, born about 1807 in Preston, New London County, Connecticut, was the fourth child of eight children born to Squire and Alice Walton Olin. Susan Olin, as she was more commonly known,

was married to Thomas Phillips, son of Thomas Phillips, a next door neighbor. It is quite likely that Thomas was a brother of Harkness/ Harkless Phillips, the husband of Joanne Olin, Susan's sister. Their marriage took place on 21 September 1825 in Lisbon, Windham County, Connecticut.

Phillips, born 1806, began splitting rails and building wooden rail fences in his teens. Most fences built from the 17th to the 19th centuries were made of stone, particularly in the New England states. As farming activities expanded, stones became scarce. The alternative, before wire fencing became fashionable, was to cut logs, split them into rails and use the rails to build a zig-zag split rail fence that supported itself. These fences either defined boundaries or confined livestock. Phillips had the knack of reinforcing a higher-than-normal rail fence by using "leaners" between every two sets of rails. The "leaners" were positioned at an angle from near the top of the fence out away from the fence bottom a few feet and forced into the ground. Since splitting and building rail fences is a back-breaking job, Phillip worked in a local factory, eventually becoming a machine operator.

Thomas and Susannah Olin Phillips had two daughters: an unnamed child who died between the years of 1836 and 1850; and Susan M. Phillips, born 23 August 1846 in Jewett City, New London County, Connecticut.

SUSAN M. PHILLIPS (6)

Susan Phillips married Abel Burdick, son of Rowland Burdick and Lydia Geer in 1862 in Connecticut. Abel Burdick served in the Civil War in Company E 18th Connecticut Volunteers for three years before being mustered out at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. Abel died of stomach ailments and Susan Phillips Burdick died 25 September 1917 of thyroid complications when she was seventy-one years old. Both were buried in the North Cemetery on Hammond Hill road in Hampton, Connecticut.

Abel and Susan Burdick had eleven children: Charles A. Burdick, born ca 1864; Bertha Burdick, born ca 1866; Dwight Burdick, born ca 1868; Emma Burdick, born ca 1873; Mary Burdick, born ca 1875; Madeline Burdick, born ca 1877; James N. Burdick, born 12 February

1878 and died 15 August 1964 in Manchester, Harford County, Connecticut, who had married Bess _____; Frank Rowland Burdick, born 10 May 1885; and, Grace Burdick, born 9 September 1887 and died 28 October 1965 in Brooklyn, Windham County, Connecticut, who married Harry Lathrop. Two of the eleven Burdick children did not survive.

FRANK ROWLAND BURDICK (7)

Frank R. Burdick, the seventh child of Able and Susan Burdick, was born 10 May 1885 in Hampton, Windham County, Connecticut. and died 12 January 1960 in Waterford, New London County, at age seventy-four. He married Sarah Hannah Clark, daughter of Levi Clark and Carrie Larkman, on 7 July 1907 in Canterbury, Windham County. Frank and Sarah Burdick had two children: Francis Clark Burdick, born 12 July 1909 in Norwich, New London County, who married Laura M. Saunders in November 19930; Bertha Melissa Burdick, born 27 May 1912 in Norwich. Francis Clark Burdick was employed many years for the City of East Hartford's police force and had a second marriage to Dianne _____.

Frank Roland Burdick retired from the New Haven Railroad where he worked as a brakeman. He spent his last years in the home of his daughter, Bertha, and son-in-law Constantine Patterson. His wife, Sarah Clark Burdick, died 18 October 1955.

BERTHA MELISSA BURDICK (8)

The youngest known child of Frank R. Burdick and Sarah H. Clark was Bertha Melissa Burdick, born 27 May 1912, Norwich, Connecticut. She married Constantine Socrates Patterson, son of John Patterson and Helen Kellesides on 10 October 1930.

Sally Russell Cox, grand-daughter of Bertha and Constantine Patterson, submits the following articles from the newspaper, *The New London Day*, February 6, 1992.

> "Constantine S. Patterson, 84, a prominent businessman in the region for more than 40 years, died Thursday at his home at Ridgewood Avenue. Mr. Patterson was the retired

president and co-owner, with the late Samuel Ptawshew, of the former C & S Motors on Huntington Street, New London.

"He was also an owner of Ridgewood Park Water Company, now operated by the town of Waterford.

"Mr. Patterson was known throughout his life as 'Kotch,' a nickname given to him by his mother. Trim and energetic, he walked five miles daily in all types of weather. He had many interests, including gardening; he spent much of every spring and summer tending a wide variety of flowers and plants around his home with meticulous care.

"Another of his favorite pursuits was flying. He owned his own plane for years.

"Mr. Patterson was friendly and pleasant, enjoyed helping people in a quiet way, had a good sense of humor and dashing good looks, qualities he retained all his life. He went to Hollywood when he was 18 or so, to work in the movie industry, an experience he thoroughly enjoyed. He had many small roles for several years and was an 'extra' in some of the best known silent movies. He was also a stunt man, but as he once noted, Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. was so athletic that he performed all his remarkable and often dangerous feats himself.

"Mr. Patterson was a boxing manager for a short time. He went into business when he returned to southeastern Connecticut in 1938 when the G & S Motors was founded. He was active in civic and fraternal organizations."

Bertha Burdick Patterson died 23 November 1976 in New London. Constantine and Bertha Patterson had one daughter, Constance Helen Patterson, born 22 May 1931 in New London.

CONSTANCE HELEN PATTERSON (9)

The daughter of Constantine and Bertha Patterson, Constance Helen Patterson, married Donald Bruce Russell, son of Frank Russell and Aleith Allred, on 9 June 19950 in New London. The Russells had four children: Susan Melissa, born 7 December 1951 on Staten

Island, New York; Sally Aleith, born 8 February 1954 in Waltham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts; David Patterson, born 25 August 1956 in Annapolis, Maryland; and Pamela Ann, born 6 December 1957 in New London, Connecticut and married Neil Maris in 1982 at Clyde Hill, King County, Washington. Neil's parents were Robert and Norma Maris. Pamela and Neil Maris have a child Riley Patterson Maris, born July 1991.

Again, Sally Russell Cox submits the following:

> "Donald Bruce Russell was a graduate of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was elected to the National Graduate Honor Society, SIGMA XI, upon graduation for academic accomplishments. After twenty years of service in the Coast Guard, he retired at the rank of Commander. When he died of cancer at the age of 56, he was Director of Maritime Engineering for Dillingham Corporation. He was a member of the Society of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers."

Constance Patterson Russell married a second time to Thomas Aspinall, 1992, in Clyde Hill, King County, Washington.

SUSAN MELISSA RUSSELL (10)

The first child born to Donald and Constance Russell, Susan Melissa Russell, was born exactly ten years after the infamous bombing of Pearl Harbor. She married Michael McKean in 1970 in Westminster, Orange County, California. Susan and Michael McKean had two children: Colin Russell McKean, born 16 February 1976; and, Fletcher James McKean, born 8 March 1985.

Sally Russell Cox provides this information about Michael McKean:

> "Michael attended Carnegie Mellon Institute and New York University. He met Susan Russell while he was working and acting at the Eugene O'Neil Playwrights'

Conference in Waterford, CT.

"In 1970 he moved to southern California, where Susan Russell's family lived. He joined former Carnegie classmate David L. Lander and others to form an improvisational comedy group called 'The Credibility Gap.' The Gap worked the club-college-concert circuit and performed on the radio with their satirical news program.

"This group was hired as writers for the TV show 'Laverne and Shirley.' Penny Marshall, who played the role of Laverne, had seen McKean and Landers perform their off-beat, street-kid characters and signed them up for spots in her show, lasting seven years.

"McKean has gone on to star in dozens of TV shows and many movies."

SALLY ALEITH RUSSELL (10)

A daughter, Sally Aleith Russell, born 8 February 1954 to Donald B. Russell and Constance H. Patterson in Waltham, married Charles Edwin Cox, son of Doak Cox and Marjorie Greiner. Their marriage took place on 27 May 1981 in Honolulu, Oahu County, Hawaii. Charles Cox and Sally Russell have two sons born in Anchorage, Alaska: Matthew Russell Cox, born 19 April 1988; and Nathaniel Ian Cox, born 15 May 1991.

Sally tells a little about herself and her husband:

"I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies and Planning from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1977. I did graduate studies in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawaii from 1979 to 1981. I worked as a planner with a consulting firm in the mid-1980s. More recently I have devoted my time to raising our two sons, to performing volunteer work in school and community organizations, and to the pursuit of my hobby, genealogical research.

"Charles, my husband, earned his Bachelor of Sciences degree in Environmental Sciences from Huxley College at

Western Washington University. He served in the Peace Corps from 1977 to 1979 in Sierra Leone, West Africa. After his return, he earned a BS degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1980. He has worked as a Civil Engineer for the Alaska District Corps of Engineers since 1982. Charles has been a member of the Alaska Chamber Singers since 1988, and has performed in several operas with the Anchorage Opera Chorus."

DAVID PATTERSON RUSSELL (10)

The only son of Constance and Donald Russell was David Patterson Russell, born 25 August 1956 in Annapolis, Maryland. His first marriage was to Theresa Nakamura, 1984 in Seattle, King County, Washington. His second marriage was to Karen Marjorie Cabal in 1989 in San Bernardino, California. David and Karen have a son, Benjamin Samuel Russell, born 19 February 1992.

ESTHER OLIN (5)

Esther Olin, Squire and Alice Olin's fifth child, was born about 1810. No further information has surfaced.

MARIAH OLIN (5)

Mariah Olin was born about 1812 to Squire and Alice Olin. She may not have married and probably worked as a domestic in different households. The 1860 census shows her in the home of widower, Gardner Wilcox, a thirty-five year old blacksmith with two young children.

Mariah and two of her sisters, Susan Olin Phillips and Joanne Olin Phillips were listed among the first members of the Jewett City Baptist Church in 1840.

HENRY OLIN (5)

Henry Olin, son of Squire Olin, was born ca 1815 and married Elizabeth/Eliza Neff about 1840 in Griswold, Connecticut. It was here that two known children were born to Henry and Eliza; Jane and

Dwight. By 1850, Henry Olin's family was living in Farmington, Hartford County, Connecticut. Their home was quite large which allowed rooms for boarders adding additional income to the family. Two of their permanent boarders were a 57-year-old widow, Lucy Andrews and a 35-year-old widow, Charlotte E. Thompson.

JANE OLIN (6)

Henry and Eliza's first child was a daughter, Jane, born about 1843, who married George Hickes of Canterbury, around 1864 in Griswold. She was 23 years old, George was 24, and the War between the States was in progress. George and Jane Hickes had a son, Charles Hickes, born on the 6th of January 1866 in Griswold.

DWIGHT BALDWIN OLIN (6)

The second child of Henry and Eliza Olin was Dwight Baldwin Olin, born 14 December 1844. He became involved in local ventures, such as purchasing and selling real estate, merchandising and livery stables. In 1872, Dwight Olin sold a lot containing a run-down store and other minor buildings in Jewett City for $600 to his uncle, Nathaniel Olin. Dwight, apparently desirous of becoming a merchant, talked his cousin, Horace H. Olin, into a partnership. They leased a basement in a different store in 1873, with option of taking over the first floor after the owner made necessary improvements. Dwight and Horace borrowed $3,900 from the Jewett City Savings Bank and stocked the store with goods. The Jewett City Main Street General Goods Store opened in late 1873 on the first floor. By then, the Olins were leasing and renting out the top floor to a fraternal organization. Business flourished. The Olins were able to pay off the bank loan in 1876.

Earlier in 1873 Dwight B. Olin married Louise Adelade Geer, daughter of Samuel Geer, on 19th March in Griswold. Dwight and Louise Olin (affectionately called Ada for Adelade) had three sons: Charles Leonard Olin, born 1874; Samuel Geer Olin, born 1877; and Denison R. Olin, born 1884.

Eighteen seventy-three was a great year for Dwight Olin. His mercantile partnership with Horace was successful and his marriage

to a daughter of parents with social standing provided him the opportunity to purchase a farm of 22½ acres; 20 acres including a house and barn on the east side of the Hopeville Plainfield Road and 2½ acres on the west side. Joseph Rude/Roode sold it to Dwight in early 1873.

Ada Geer Olin, wife of Dwight B. Olin, taken in Norwich, Connecticut, April 25, 1876.

Photo courtsey of Dennis D. Olin.

In 1876, Dwight turned his share of the store over to his cousin, Horace Olin, in order to pursue a new vocation. He signed with the Worchester and Norwich Railroad to become one of their locomotive engineers. This job required odd and long hours making Dwight absent from his home on several occasions. Apparently Ada, normally anxious, was greatly affected by her husband's absence, so that her doctor prescribed special medication, a dose at a time.

The situation worsened when Dwight decided to go west to try his luck as a locomotive engineer. He turned down an offer in Iowa in favor of the Erie Railroad in Sandusky, Ohio. Ada and her two sons, Charles and Samuel, moved to Ohio. She was lonely and desperate. After three years in Ohio, Dwight returned east in 1883 to a small farm in Barre, Worchester County, Massachusets., where he again became employed by the Worchester and Norwich Railroad.

By now, Ada's health was failing, mentally and physically. She died 4 October 1884 about three months after the birth of a third son, Denison R. Olin, born 27 June 1884 in Barre, Massachusetts. She was only 37 years old.

Dwight, experiencing financial problems, borrowed from Ada's two sisters: Elisa Geer and Louisa Kinney and a brother, Samuel Geer,

making them part owners of his 22½ acres. They later sold out to Samuel Geer, who was either Ada's father or brother. Ada recorded her daily activities and feelings in a series of diaries now in the care of her great grandson, Dennis Dwight Olin, who has allowed excerpts to be included here. According to Dennis, the diaries 1876-1880 portray life as it was for Ada and her first two children while living in New London County, Connecticut and central Ohio. In Connecticut they lived in a large house with Ada's sister, Elisa, and brother-in-law, Bub, and her father, Samuel Geer. They raised hogs, sold hay and turkeys and took in boarders while Dwight was hours away from home on his railroad job.

ENTRIES FROM ADA GEER OLIN'S DIARIES:

2/4/76 "Snowed some and came off pleasant. We got scared in the night for Horace's store and the church and Dea Tracy's burnt up."

2/29/76 "We worked on the quilt and blocks putting three strips together. Mr. Blumley (boarding school teacher) and I played checkers and I beat once and he once."

3/6/76 "About noon, Bub, Jony Clarke and I went to Norwich to shop. I took tea with Austin Brewsters (Dwight's second wife was Louisa Brewster) and purchased a lard dish ($1.00), corsets ($1.00), prunes (25 cents), picture cord (24 cents) and a comb (40 cents)."

3/23/76 "Pleasant. We finished putting my quilt together and I wore my curls tonight to the Society and I got a letter from Dwight."

4/1/76 "Pleasant but windy and sour. We've did our ironing and mending and Fanny Brewster and her father called. One of the steers horns came off."

4/8/76 "Bub and Dwight and the baby went to Plainfield to visit Uncle Nat Olin. We have finished putting Sissy's quilt together and bound my two and cleaned the bedroom stairs."

4/13/76 "Pleasant. Mr. Blumly finished school today, got his pay and paid us for his board. Bub brought home

some butter and I've finished ironing."

4/14/76 "Pa, Elisa, baby Charlie and I went to meeting and he sat just as still. We went into the doctors and I got me some medicine."

4/30/76 "Cloudy and showery all day. I have finished reading 'Priests and Nuns.' Tonight a couple of darkies have come along to sleep in the barn."

5/5/76 "Al Learned called and said Albert Olin has got a job and went Wednesday. We finished papering and cleaning the bedroom."

5/1/1/76 "We all had an invitation to William Geer Silver Wedding today and we have finished my black silk waist and cut quilt blocks."

5/15/76 "We've did a fortnight's washing and tonight a peddler had come to stay all night and I've cut out Charlie's white dress."

5/30/76 "Bub and I went to Dainelsonville to Mr. Chamberlain's and in the afternoon we rode round by the tents and in the evening we went to the P. T. Barnum Circus."

6/24/76 "Bub and Elisa took Charlie to the city for his first haircut."

7/31/76 "Rained most of the day. Bub went to the city but didn't get me a letter from Dwight. I had to have a cry for it is most three weeks since he wrote." (At this time Ada was getting nerve medicine from her doctor about every other day. Dwight was not writing and seldom came home, causing Ada to fear the worst.)

8/21/76 "We worked on Dwight's bosom shirts all day and at night we played croquet."

9/16/76 "I have cooked most all day and Bub has been to Norwich and Preston to Uncle James' and has brought home five large ears of corn."

10/11/76 "Elisa, Charlie and I went over to Fanny Brewsters and spent the day. Bub and Eddie went to Charles and picked apples.

10/25/76 "We did up our work and Elisa and I've been

to Norwich to have my teeth filled and did some trading." (It cost her $2.00 for filling.)

11/21/76 "Dull and foggy all day. The darkie girls were here yesterday, today and probably tomorrow. I've finished toeing out my stockings and we've worked on Elisa's dress."

12/26/76 "Dwight came home this morning before I got up." (Another son, Sammie, was born nine months later.)

Samuel Geer Olin, Son of Dwight B. and Ada Geer Olin, in his fishing rod shop, 1950.

Photo courtesy of Dennis D. Olin

We continue with Ada's diary where the family lived in Sandusky in north central Ohio and Bainbridge, Ross County in south central Ohio. It is obvious that Ada's health is failing. She pines for her husband, her two sons are demanding, and she misses the companionship of her Connecticut family and neighbors.

1//2/80 "Laid down but didn't sleep much looking for Dwight. He came in about half past five this morning and then took the first standard gauge from Jackson to Springfield."

1/7/80 "Dwight went this morning about 6 o'clock. I got a letter from Elisa who said that Bub has taken the

newspaper 'Courier' for us."

1/8/80 "Charlie went to put in my letter to Elisa. After he got back he spilled my teakettle of hot water and got his hand burned some."

3/21/80 "Mrs. Davis came in and said she would take care of my children and let me go to church with her mother and so I did but Sammie has been sick and vomited since we got home. He and Charlie are about sick all the time."

3/24/80 "I called on Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Swartz and she told me the men were coming home tonight and they did. Dwight says we are to move from Sandusky to Bainbridge, Ohio."

3/26/80 "Dwight got home this morning and said he had got a house down there and is going to move next Tuesday. I got a letter from Elisa and I have finished Charlie's other waist and cut button holes."

4/4/80 "Pleasant but it rained very hard all night and thundered and lightened. I have been so homesick today. I've wrote to Elisa about it, Dwight wrote to Mr. Thatcher today." (Thatcher was the man behind the scenes who wrangled the western jobs for Dwight.)

4/14/80 "My stove smoked me out all this week and Sammie fell or set back into the slop pail this morning so I had to change and wash and iron all his clothes. Dwight got his things all ready to start on the morning train for Iowa."

4/24/80 "I did my work and went over to Mrs. Way in the PM and stayed until Dwight came from Iowa and he didn't get the job. I have been so homesick."

5/6/80 "I worked on Dwight's shirts some and in the evening mended some. I got a postal from Elisa saying she expected to start for here next week."

5/17/80 "I've made bread and I washed and boiled my clothes in the brass kettle on my kerosine stove."

5/24/80 "I sent Charlie down and got the black folks to do my washing for I felt sick again but took another pill."

6/13/80 "Dwight didn't have to work and it is the first

Sunday that he hasn't had to since we've been here." (Dwight gave up his job in Ohio September 1, 1880 and took his family back to Windham County, Connecticut.)

9/6/80 "We got up and took the train from Springfield, IL. to Columbus and so around Pittsburgh and Harrisburg and for home."

Apparently, Dwight's parents had returned to Jewett City one or two years before Ada started her diaries, possibly around 1874.

9/17/80 "Susan Hawkins called and Elisa and S, and I went to the city and called on Mother Olin."

9/26/80 "Sunday pleasant. We all went to meeting but Pa and at noon Dwight and the children and I went to Father Olin's."

Dwight was rehired by the Worchester/Norwich Railroad and bought a small farm in Barrie Town near the rail yards in Worchester, Massachusetts. Barrie Town was about 75 miles north of Jewett City which was appreciated by Ada. Dwight's hours were such that he

Denison R. Olin, son of Dwight B. and Ada Geer Olin, 1900.

Photo courtesy of Dennis D. Olin.

began planting and cultivating an orchard. It is obvious that Ada overworked herself while Dwight was away from home. Consequently she was in poor health. It was at least a year before their permanent move to Barrie Town where Ada gave birth to Denison Rathbone Olin on 27 June 1884. Ada Geer Olin died 4 October 1884, three months after she gave birth to her third son, Denison.

Dwight married again to Louisa Brewster in late 1880s or early 1900. He moved to California where he was reportedly owner of large acreage in Sylmar. He planted and owned large olive orchards that evolved into the olive oil industry in the San Fernando Valley.

The following information has been provided by Dennis Dwight Olin, a great grandson of Dwight and Ada Olin.

The youngest son of Dwight and Ada Geer Olin was Denison R., born 27 June 1884, who married Erie Belle Lay, born 20 July 1888, on 19 April 1908 in California, and settled in San Fernando. He worked for a drayage for a time and eventually became an engineer for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Denison and Erie had three children, Melvin, Walter and Dwight. Denison died at age 76 on 3 February 1960.

Denison R. and Erie Belle Lay Olin with two of their three children, Melvin and Walter, ca 1920.

Photo courtesy of Dennis D. Olin.

WALTER DENISON OLIN (8)

The first of three sons born to Denison Rathbone Olin, Walter Denison Olin, born 19 September 1909 in San Fernando, worked as a locomotive engineer for Southern Pacific Railroad in Los Angeles. He was a third generation railroad engineer. Walter married Dorothy Madeline Fruchey, born 25 September 1913. Their marriage took place on 8 March 1934 resulting in a son: Donald Denison, (1946-1980). Walter Olin died at age 56 in 1965.

Walter D. and Dorothy M. Frutchley Olin in 1945.

Photos courtesy of Dennis D. Olin.

Dwight F. Olin and Vivian Jean Reuff at their 1945 wedding.

MELVIN ELLIS OLIN (8)

Denison and Erie Olin's second son, Melvin E. Olin, born 2 July 1913, attended Oregon State College and served as a radio technician for the Navy during World War II. He married Zelda Miller Meadows on 24 March 1941 and had a son, Derek, who was born in 1942, their only child. Derek married and worked as a fireman in the Los Angeles area. Melvin Olin died in October 1949.

Melvin E. Olin, age 23, in 1936.

Photo courtesy of Dennis D. Olin.

DWIGHT FRANKLIN OLIN (8)

The third son of Denison R. Olin, Dwight F. Olin, born 17 January 1920 in San Fernando, attended Glendale Junior College and worked at various times for the Western Aeronautical Company, California State Department of Employment, and Walter Rueff Buick. He married Vivian Jean Rueff on 6 April 1945. She was born 29 January 1926 and preferred to be called Jean rather than Vivian.

Dwight served in various capacities for the city of San Fernando and in other community services. He died age 57 on 24 June 1977. He and Jean had three sons: Dennis, David and Jeffery.

DENNIS DWIGHT OLIN (9)

The eldest son born to Dwight and Jean Olin was Dennis D. Olin, born 7 October 1946. He graduated from the University of California

and worked as a veterinarian in Stockton, California. He married Christine Rae Gerrity on 10 August 1968 and they had two children: Kerry Elizabeth, born 16 April 1972 and Gregory Scott, born 17 October 1975.

JEFFERY RUEFF OLIN (9)

Dwight and Jean's second son, Jeffery R. Olin, born 24 February 1949, attended Pearce Junior College and worked in the food service business in Santa Barbara, California. He married Karen Louise Kruse, born 27 April 1950, on 11 September 1971 and they reside in Simi Valley. Jeffery and Karen Olin have two children: Kelly Kathleen, born 24 November 1983, and Jason Jeffery, born 6 February 1981.

Dwight Franklin and Vivian Jean Reuff Olin's children and grandchildren, 1992. L to R back row: Gregory S. Olin, s/o Dennis D. Olin; Dennis D. Olin, s/o Dwight F. Olin; Jennifer J. Olin, d/o David J. Olin; David J. Olin, son of Dwight F. Olin; Matthew D. Olin, s/o David J. Olin; Jason J. Olin, s/o Jeffery R. Olin; and, Jeffery R. Olin, s/o Dwight F. Olin. L to R front row: Christine Gerrity Olin, w/o Dennis D. Olin; Kerry E. Olin, d/o Dennis D. Olin; Christine Gefre Olin, w/o David J. Olin; Andrea K. Olin, d/o David J. Olin; Karen E. Kruse Olin, w/o Jeffery R. Olin; and, Kelly K. Olin, d/o Jeffery R. Olin.

Photo courtesy Dennis D. Olin

DAVID JAMES OLIN (9)

The youngest son born to Dwight and Jean Olin was David James, born 11 July 1951. He attended Stanislaus State College in Turlock, California after which he joined the U. S. Navy, working as an air-traffic controller at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Point Magoo, and Santa Barbara, California. He retired from the Navy and is employed by a paper reclamation facility in Ventura, CA.

David Olin married Christine Mae Gefre on 20 December 1970. She was born 10 July 1951. They have three children: Jennifer Jean, born 14 December 1971; Matthew David, born 13 February 1974; and Andrea Kathleen, born 22 June 1976, who married James Jenkins. James and Andrea Jenkins reside in Port Hueneme, California and have a daughter, Jaymee, born 19 August 1996.

ELISHA OLIN (5)

Elisha Olin was born 25 April 1817, the eighth child of Squire and Alice Walton Olin. Elisha married Jemina Rathbone, born 26 January 1811, Exeter Rhode Island, daughter of Nathan and Sarah Bliven Dalton Rathbone/Rathburn/Rathbun on 1 May 1841 in Griswold, Connecticut. Although Jemina's father held the office of Justice of Peace as well as being a noted medical doctor in Exeter and Hopkinton, Rhode Island, Jemina elected to have Rev. Cook perform the marriage ceremony in Griswold where Philetus Rathbun (undoubtedly related to Nathan) had a large turkey farm. Philetus raised hundreds of turkeys for ever-growing markets, particularly during the Civil war. A turkey was worth more than the previously popular lamb, perhaps not at Easter time, but certainly for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Elisha Olin participated in real estate much as earlier Olins. Records indicate that he made some profit on occasions, but mostly he just broke even. He acquired several lots in Canterbury and Jewett City. He and Elijah Rathbone sold property in the town of Canterbury to Nathaniel Olin, Elisha's cousin, in 1842. He purchased land with a house and barn for $750 from Edwin S. Colburn and two choice lots for $250 next to J. P. Taylor's hotel in Jewett City during 1865. It appears Elisha may have been taken by the Ashland Cotton Company

who paid him $100 for a large lot for their expansion in 1886.

The marriage of Elisha and Jemina Olin resulted in five known children: Albert H. Olin, born ca 1842 in Griswold and of whom we have no further information; Josephine Frances Olin, born 1845; Horace H. Olin, born 1846; Alice/Alace B. Olin, born ca 1849; and Edwin F. Apply Olin, born ca 1845. This Olin family resided in Griswold, Preston, Canterbury, Plainfield and Jewett City. The United States Census repeatedly shows Elisha's occupation to be a farmer. He may have been a farmer to support his family, but was a farmer considered successful in the business world. Elisha's nomadic wanderings from farm to farm made him appear to have been unsettled and unsure. In 1840, success was measured not by the size of the farm but by the number of hay stacks in the fields for bedding and feeding of cattle.

All that has been found for Elisha and Jemina's second child, Josephine F. Olin, is her birth date, 23 March 1845 in Griswold and that she was buried in the Griswold Cemetery. No date of death is given, making one to believe she died at an early age.

HORACE OLIN (6)

Elisha and Jemina's third child, Horace H. Olin, born 17 December 1845 in Griswold, married Lois Anna Lewis, born August 1848 in Norwich, daughter of Hiram and Olive Colburn Lewis. Horace and Lois's marriage took place about 1870 and produced two sons and two daughters: Frank H. Olin, born 15 July 1872, died 3 April 1909 and buried in the Windham Cemetery; Herbert Winford Olin, born 20 January 1874 and died a teenager on 16 March 1888 in Jewett City; Etta E. Olin, born September 1876, married _____ Lewis; and Grace E. Olin, born April 1881.

Horace Olin was a partner with his cousin, Nathaniel Olin, in a Jewett City general store before obtaining sole ownership. An early morning fire occurring on February 4th , 1876 proved to be the most disastrous fire in the history of Jewett City. It started in a large three story building owned by Horace Olin. Three floors were rented and occupied by Hutchins and Stead as a general store and the upper floor was used as a lodge room. The fire spread to the new Congregational

Church to the south and to the Honorable John R. Tracey's residence to the north. Another house became involved before the arrival of a steamer fire engine via a special train from Norwich. Further damage was averted due to dying winds and heavy snowfall.

A new Congregational Church was erected on the site of the destroyed store owned by Horace Olin. During the War Between the States, the women of the Congregational Church scraped and collected cotton lint that was used to stop bleeding in wounds, knitted stockings for the Union soldiers and knitted special two-fingered mittens required for gun control as well as warmth.

Horace H. Olin died 16 March 1888 in Jewett City and was buried in the Lower Cemetery. His widow, Lois A. Lewis Olin, lived until 18 November 1929, when she died at age 81 in Griswold.

ALICE/ALACE OLIN (6)

Elisha and Jemina's fourth child, a daughter, Alice R. Olin, was born 15 December 1848 in Griswold. She married Charles Lyons, born ca 1843 in Griswold. Any record of issue has not been found. Charles Lyons' father was noted for pioneering the sale of ready-made factory clothes during the middle of the 1800s. Recognized as a "clothier," his business was worth $10,000 in 1850 and he owned one of, if not the largest, mansions in town. The 1850 census listed Thomas Lyons and wife with five children under ten years of age, two female servants who were born in Ireland, and a tenement house that contained a family of three. Charles and Alice Olin lived in Jewett City.

EDWIN F. OLIN (6)

Edwin F. Apply was born ca 1845 in Connecticut and was adopted by Elisha and Jemina Olin. He was always known as Edwin F. Olin. Just when the adoption took place is not known, but the probate record for Elisha's estate in 1896, Norwich, refers to an adopted son, Edwin F. Apply.

Edwin F. Apply Olin married first to Celestice/Celestre L. Reichertson/Ricketson who was born in Pennsylvania about 1843. Their marriage took place on Christmas Day, 1865 in Griswold. Edwin

and Celestre Olin had two children before her death in Canterbury on 18 April 1869. Their first child, Harriett E. Olin, was born ca 1863 and Charles F. Olin was born in November of 1866.

Edwin's second marriage, ca 1872 in Marcy, Oneida County, New York, to Louisa Mayhew, born 1849, resulted in at least one child, a son, William Olin, who married Cora Powell. Both William and Cora were born in 1873 and were married 9 January 1895 in Marcy. William and Cora Powell Olin had a daughter, Helen E. Olin, born 2 September 1896 who married Gary Ferguson.

The first job Edwin held was that of a "spinner" in a Windham County cotton mill. Later, in 1870, he became a laborer on the North and Western Railroad, eventually becoming a brakeman. Apparently Celestre became seriously ill after the birth of their son, Charles F. In an attempt to ease her suffering and concern over their son, Edwin employed a live-in nurse, Lorena Bliss, in her late sixties, who remained with the family a couple of years after Celestre died.

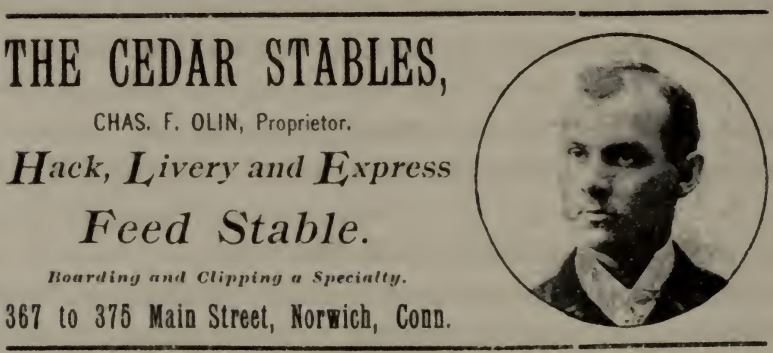
CHARLES F. OLIN (7)

Charles F. Olin married Grace Stoddard, who had a son, Nelson R. Dunbar, from an earlier marriage. Grace Stoddard Olin died in January 1924, leaving all to her husband, Charles. In 1917, Charles had sold a tract house with outbuildings near a drawbridge, Town of Norwich, to Sarah E. Perkins.

Charles liked working with horses and also enjoyed playing the cornet. In 1884 young Charles left home to take a job as a "hostler," taking care of horses for C. E. Brady's boarding stables in Norwich. After two years he decided that the wages and management were not to his liking and he became employed in a shop that made corks for containers. Again, after two years he changed jobs for one in a bleachery where his efforts were recognized when he was promoted to its office division. But his thoughts were heavy with horses. So, in 1894, he became manager of the Cedar Stables in Norwich with option to buy the business. Charles F. Olin purchased the Cedar Stables in 1895 and sold it three years later.

By now, it was evident that thirty-three year old Charles was of a restless nature, not staying long with any endeavor. It appears that he

1895 Norwich, Connecticut City Directory



1896 Norwich, Connecticut City Directory

married Grace Stoddard around this time in 1900. She was working in the Ponemah Mills, Norwich, and continued to do so long after their marriage. Charles F. Olin changed jobs many times during the next 25 years in the city of Norwich. He was by turn a post office messenger, stable laborer, foundry worker, mill operator, mill foreman, etc. Eventually, Charles F. returned to his love of the cornet. He organized a marching cornet band and he became known as Professor Olin. Norwich newspaper accounts of holiday celebrations around the turn of the century acknowledged Professor Olin and his cornet band as the highlight of the event.

Norwich, Connecticut Bulletin, 9 October 1942, *50 Years Ago* column:

> "7 October 1892 - Professor Olin's drum corps of Preston with its ambidextrous bass drummer entertained the public with a parade through Main and Water Streets Thursday evening."

Referring back to Elisha and Jemina Rathbone Olin we find that she died 18 March 1860 while her children were minors. Elisha Olin married again to Nancy Colburn on 18 October 1860. Nancy was born and living in Griswold and this marriage was her second. It is doubtful that this marriage resulted in any issue. Elisha Olin died 5 February 1896 in Griswold. Both Elisha and Jemina Olin were buried in the Griswold Cemetery.

Chapter 8

Phillip (3) and Mary Olin's Sons: Newbury and Anthony Olin

NEWBURY OLIN (4)

The sixth child, born 15 March 1774 in Preston, to Phillip and Mary Olin, was Newbury Olin. No information about him or a marriage has been found. Indications show that he died before 1850 and that he shared his home with a woman named Prudence. She may have been his wife, his common-law wife, friend, family member, or a domestic. Perhaps some researcher will uncover the mystery.

Prudence was born about 1786 and there seems to be no record of any marriage issue. However, after Newbury's death, Prudence was accepted into the younger Olin family.

She moved in with one of Newbury's nephews, Puswell and Lucy Olin, who were living in Jewett City. Lucy developed a lengthy sickness and died around 1850. Again, Prudence went to live with another of Elisha's nephews, Elijah Olin, who resided in Lisbon. Elijah's wife, Mary Ann, born about 1828, died before the census of 1860.

Elijah and Mary Ann Olin had a son, Charles, born ca 1843 in Griswold, who at age 15 began working in the local cotton mills. At the time Prudence was living with Elijah. There were two teenagers living with them. They were unrelated, both born in Ireland: Michael age 13; and Mary, age 16. Although no record has been found for Prudence's maiden name, her name, Prudence Olin, appeared occasionally in mid-1800 and on two census years as head of the household.

ANTHONY OLIN (4)

The eighth child of Phillip and Mary Green Olin was Anthony Olin, born 16 February 1777 in Preston, New London County, Connecticut during the height of the American Revolutionary War. Anthony married Mary Rude, daughter of Joseph and Martha Rude

about 1808 and resided in Plainfield, Windham County, Connecticut. It is believed that Anthony and Mary had at least three children (Jennie, James, and Elias Olin), although records do not verify this.

Some records, particularly land records, have Anthony Olin shown as Anthony Olden. He purchased six small lots in the Town of Plainfield between the years 1810 and 1818. During 1817 and 1818, Anthony, in partnership with Daniel Walton, his brother Squire's brother-in-law, lost a case in court whereby they were ordered to pay off all creditors. The case involved rights and improvements on a couple of their lots in the Village of Plainfield.

Martha Rude, Anthony's widowed mother-in-law, paid Anthony fifty dollars for a small lot with rights to pasture adjacent lots.

Anthony Olin served as a private in Salter's 5th Regiment of the Connecticut State Militia during the War of 1812.

He believed strongly in an old saying which is applicable today and in the future. "When you feel like criticizing the younger generation, remember who raised them."

ELIAS OLIN (5)

Anthony and Mary Rude Olin's son, Elias Olin, born ca 1822 in Plainfield, Windham County, Connecticut, was destined to be a farmer. He specialized in raising sheep for the meat and wool. After his marriage to Betsey Lamb of Stonington on 30 April 1848 in Norwich, New London County, Connecticut, Elias purchased a couple of cows for family supply of milk, butter and cheese. Because cattle and sheep should not be pastured together, Elias would stake his two or three cows in his yard and orchard. He used iron rods, driving them into the ground enough to be firm for a slip knot on the cow's rope. This allowed the cows to graze around the stake as far as the rope extended. It was fairly easy for him to change locations of the stakes.

However, one of his cows had a mind of her own. She knew the grass was greener someplace else and managed to get loose and wander off. Elias finally took time to see how she managed to slip the rope noose over the four-foot high stake. He found her nuzzling her nose in below the knotted noose and raising it up until it fell off the top of the stake. Elias thought that was quite a remarkable feat for a dumb

animal to do and bragged about it. A traveling band of gypsies heard about it and paid Elias top dollar for the cow, which they added to their show performances.

Elias and Betsey Lamb Olin had three children: Franklin A. Olin, born ca 1846; Estella Olin, born ca 1854; and Ida Olin, born ca 1858, all in Connecticut.

FRANKLIN A. OLIN (6)

Born about 1846 in Windham County, Connecticut, son of Elias and Betsey Lamb Olin, Franklin A. Olin was recognized as the teenage jokester of Plainfield. For instance, he would mimic his dog's antics of trying to chew or remove caramelize sugar or maple sugar candy. Franklin pretended the chewy stuff was indeed stuck to his teeth or the roof of his mouth. He would roll his eyes in ecstacy over the flavor, his mouth would drool and his hands would simulate a dog's use of its paws to loosen the chew from his teeth while moving his head up and down and sideways.

Franklin's father reminded him that he was making a fool of himself by acting out such stories, causing Franklin to leave home around 1860. He joined his cousins in Oneida County, New York where, when introduced to blackberries for the first time, he supposed they should be black, but why were they red when green?

In 1862, sixteen-year-old Franklin Olin married eighteen-year-old, Julia Lynch of Rome, Oneida County, New York. Julia Lynch, born ca 1844, daughter of George H. and Louisa Lynch was apparently one of over a dozen siblings. Her father, George Lynch, made several good investments, such as purchasing 54 acres of choice industrial land along the railway in Rome for $43,950 and submitting a bid of $12,122.90 for another industrial site in the village of Rome.

Julia Lynch Olin died in 1869 when she was only twenty-five years old and without issue. However, Franklin A. Olin had died earlier, a casualty of the Civil War.

He and Joseph L. Lynch, a cousin of Julia, enlisted 6 August 1862 at Utica, New York as privates, Company A, 117 Regiment, New York State Vols., 4th Oneida, commanded by Captain Alvin White. In preparation for the Union Army siege of Richmond, Virginia,

Franklin A. Olin assisted with the laying of telegraph lines. Reels of insulated cables, strong enough to resist canon wheels, were carried on the backs of mules laying out wire over fields and streams and through the woods. The wires were raised above ground on lances, poles, trees, etc.

Compact portable batteries were transported in ambulance wagons constructed especially for field service. Although the

Laying and and stringing a telegraph line during the Civil War.

Rebuilt ambulance wagon to carry field batteries for telegraph transmission during the Civil War.

line was haphazardly built, it did serve the generals in communicating with the War Department in Washington, D. C. to receive and send orders.

Telegraph lines were in place, May 1864, when Union General Butler advanced on the Petersburg and Richmond Railroad. Rebel General Beauregard struck the Union Army at Drury's Bluff, near Richmond on 16 May 1864. Among the hundreds of Union soldiers captured by the Rebels were Franklin A. Olin, who was mortally wounded, and Joseph L. Lynch who survived southern prisons to return home.

Chapter 9

Phillip (3) And Mary Olin's Son, William Olin (4)

WILLIAM OLIN (4)

The ninth and last child of Phillip and Mary Green Olin was William Olin, born 2 November 1779 in Preston, New London County, Connecticut.

Nine year old William and his eleven-year-old brother, Anthony, accompanied their father on one of his trips back to Rhode Island. It was the third of July when a prolonged and severe thunderstorm raged through upper New London and lower Windham Counties. They were forced to seek shelter under a cliff over-hang during the storm and to wait for the hailstones to melt before proceeding with their trip afoot. As much as nineteen inches of hail covered the fields and paths surrounding Canterbury and Plainfield.

William Olin served for a short time in Tracey's 20th Regiment of the Connecticut State Militia during the War of 1812. He married in 1812 at Griswold to Anna _____. William and Anna Olin had eight or nine children; all sons and all born in Griswold: Henry Olin, born 1813; Solomon Olin, born 1814; George W. Olin, born ca 1815: William Olin, Jr., born ca 1817; Nathaniel Olin, born 1819; Puswell Olin, born ca1823; Giles Olin, born ca1825; James Olin, born 1832 (?); and Charles Olin, born 1833.

William Olin was a farmer who resided in Griswold with his wife, Anna, and their children until the children left home. Then William and Anna moved to Jewett City where he died at age 71 on 9 December 1851. It is not known whether Anna died before William or after. Both were buried in the Jewett City Cemetery.

HENRY OLIN (5)

The first of eight or nine sons born to William and Anna Olin was

Henry, about 1813. He married Achsah Noff on 5 October 1837 in Griswold. Achsah was born 4 March 1813 in Hampton, Connecticut. Henry Olin became a furniture maker by trade but soon found that he had the skills to be a pattern maker in a foundry which paid him a higher wage. Henry and Achsah Olin lived most of their lives in Windham County. They had four children: Charles L. Olin, born 12 January 1839 in Brooklyn, died 12 October 1863 and was buried in the Canaan Cemetery, New London County; Julia M. Olin, born 12 May 1842 in Canterbury, married Henry B. Cole in Norwich. She died 4 October 1919 and buried in the Killingsley Cemetery; George Olin, born ca 1845 in Brooklyn, who married May/Myra _____; and Mary L. Olin, born ca 1847.

Achash was fortunate that Henry's job paid so well. She could afford a live-in servant, 47-year-old Lynda Wilson. Consequently, Achash became very active in social and church life and the advancement of female education in Brooklyn and Canterbury villages. Achash Olin died 21 January 1880 and Henry died 27 November 1885; both are buried in the Killingsley Cemetery.

CHARLES L. OLIN (6)

Henry and Achash Olin's son, Charles L. Olin, had married Louise R. Kingsley probably about 1859 or 1860 and may have had a couple of children before his untimely death in 1863. Apparently Louise did not remarry for some time, if she did indeed remarry. The 1880 census shows a nine-year-old grandson, Charles F/H Olin, living in the aging Henry Olin home. Charles F/H Olin has been shown as the son of Louise Olin, without mentioning a father.

Young Charles F/H, born September 1870, married Annie M. _____ who was born June 1875. Charles and Annie had two children: Phillip S. Olin, born August 1895, and Florence V. Olin born February 1899, both in Connecticut. Charles F/H Olin died in 1930 and was buried in East Hartford, Connecticut.

SOLOMON OLIN (5)

Solomon Olin was born 1814 in Griswold, the second son of William and Ann Olin. He married Hannah Green, born ca 1824 in

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Canterbury. Justice of the peace Webb performed the ceremony in Brooklyn on 8 September 1843. Solomon and Hannah had a son, Ellis Andrew Olin, born ca 1844 in Brooklyn. Solomon was a day laborer, working wherever he was needed. They later moved to Killingsley, Connecticut.

GEORGE WASHINGTON OLIN (5)

The third son born to William and Anna Olin was George Washington Olin, born ca 1815 in Griswold. George really enjoyed his schooling. His ability to comprehend and retain whatever he read or heard put him ahead of his peers. He applied for and was hired for a job with the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company to keep piles of wood on hand for the early steam locomotives. It required large quantities of cut and sized wood. George W. Olin worked his way up through the ranks as a freight handler, telegraph operator, ticket master and Depot Agent in Plainfield. In 1860 he was promoted to Depot Agent in Sprague, Connecticut. George W. Olin married Zipplite Elizabeth Green of Griswold on 31 March 1839 in Plainfield. George and Zipplite Olin had twelve children, all born in Plainfield: Daniel W., born 1840; Mary J., born 1841; Elizabeth, born ca 1843; George W., born ca 1844; Charles H., born ca 1846; John F., born 1847; Julia Ann, born ca 1849; Frank P., born 1851; Susan E., born 22 April 1853; Dwight H., born ca 1856; Ernest A., born ca 1861; and Mattie, born ca 1863.

Two of George and Zipplite Olin's sons: Daniel and Charles, volunteered their services to the Union Army during the battle between the states. Their parents were proud of their sons for taking an active role in preserving the total union of the states and at the same time abolishing slavery. Yet, like other parents of fighting sons, North or South, they were apprehensive for their sons' lives.

DANIEL W. OLIN (6)

Friday, the 13th of March, 1840, may or may not have been unlucky for Daniel W. Olin who happened to be born on that day. After finishing grade school in 1855, fifteen year old Daniel urged his father to pay for a special class involving geography. Mr. Killam, a traveling

school-master, was coming to Plainfield to teach this class. It proved to be a ten-day cram session with colorful maps of the United States and foreign countries. Daniel was permitted to attend and was selected to participate in a public demonstration upon completion.

Daniel did not mind performing chores around home or helping others in the neighborhood. However, his taste for additional knowledge of his country and points beyond pushed him into enlisting in the Union Army where opportunities might allow him to see more of his country. The twenty-two year old, unmarried, 5-foot 5-inch, 150 pound Daniel W. Olin with dark eyes and very dark hair enlisted at Sprague, northern New London County on 13th August (not a Friday) 1862. He served as a Private in Company K, 21st Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. Most of his participation took place in the midwest, places like Topeka, Kansas and Knoxville, Tennessee, under very trying circumstances. Daniel was honorably discharged three years later, 16 June 1865, in Richmond, Virginia. He did get to see a lot of his country.

Even though little Daniel was tough and conscientious, he found that the infantry expected more from him than firing a gun and marching. Supply wagons required loading and unloading. The same wagons needed frequent pushing and pulling to assist the teamsters to extricate them from mudholes and swamps. Ammunition had to be stacked and unstacked. The stocky and muscular Private, not to be outdone, tended to overexert himself. Consequently, he developed a hernia and hemorrhoids. Rather than accept a medical discharge, he volunteered to work in the company supply as a fashioner, more commonly known as a tailor.

When Daniel returned home to farm again he found it to be too painful. Restless, he took off, leaving Connecticut for the western territories, supporting himself from Texas to Idaho by occasional tailoring. Daniel stopped in a little village of Greely, Weld County, Colorado, where he became smitten with a local girl, Margaret Hopkins. The forty year old Daniel of poor health, married Margaret in March 1881 in the Greely Methodist Church.

Daniel and Margaret Olin had two sons: Gary, born 15 May 1882; and, Ralph, born 25 October 1884. Both were born in Greely, fifty

miles north of Denver. Shortly after the birth of their last son, Margaret Olin left Daniel, taking both boys with her.

Daniel W. Olin resumed his wandering, settling in Oklahoma City in what was known as Oklahoma Territory until it was admitted into the United States in 1907. Two events happened in Oklahoma City: He and Margaret finalized their divorce in 1895; and, most importantly, Daniel applied for a veteran's pension, stating that, "He had partial inability to earn a support by manual labor." The Government Bureau of Pensions agreed, after reviewing physician's affidavits, to award Daniel a pension of twelve dollars per month, effective 1 September 1890. The monthly payments became larger as he grew older until his death, 31 April 1919 at age 79 when he was receiving forty dollars per month.

Daniel W.Olin returned to his home area in Hartford County, Connecticut around 1907, living near his friends, Dwight Bushnell and Henry Phelps. His was a lonesome life with very little satisfaction, perhaps because he was born on a Friday the thirteenth.

MARY JANE OLIN (6)

The second child of George W. and Zipplite Olin was Mary Jane, born 1841. She has been referred to as M. J. Olin and Jane Olin. When she became 18 years old, she was admitted to the First Congregational Church in Sprague/Hanover. Two years later, on 3 December 1861, Mary Jane Olin married William H.Adams in Sprague. They had a daughter, Alice E. Adams, born 30 October 1862 in New London. Alice married Charles Goodwin on 12 April 1882 and they had two daughters born in Bloomfield, Hartford County, Connecticut: Alice B. Goodwin, born 30 July 1884; and, Bertha Goodwin, born 27 Nov. 1886. Mary Jane Olin Adams died 1926 at Bloomfield.

ELIZABETH OLIN (6)

The third child or George and Zipplite Olin was another daughter, Elizabeth Olin, born ca 1843, who, on 28 November 1862, married Dwight Bushnell in Sprague. Dwight and Elizabeth Bushnell had four children all born presumably in Sprague. The first, Dwight

Bushnell, born ca 1856, raises questions as to his birth date or his parentage, died at age eight in April 1864 in Sprague. The second child was Agnes E. Bushnell, born 10 September 1863, who married _____ Pinney. Next was William D. Bushnell, born 14 May 1867, and last was Hubert A. Bushnell, born September 1869.

GEORGE W. OLIN (6)

George W. Olin was born April 1850, the fourth child of George and Zipplite Olin. His records have evaded this researcher but it appears that he was boarding in the home of Celia S. Frances in 1900 and died in Plainfield in 1906.

CHARLES H. OLIN (6)

George and Zipplite Olin's fifth child was Charles H. Olin, born ca 1846, who, upon reaching age 15 or 16 enlisted in Company B 5th Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry at Sprague, Connecticut. On 26 June 1861, his Company was transferred by rail to training camps near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Army maneuvers and skirmishes kept young Charles occupied until Christmas of 1862 when he became homesick for his mother, father, and siblings. His request for a leave of absence was denied. So Charles, in January 1863, traveled home on an unauthorized leave. His name was entered on his Company's roll as "deserter" from Fairfax Station in Virginia.

Charles H. Olin returned to his company in September 1863 after an absence of nine months. He faced the Army Military Court which tried him for desertion. Because of his young age the court found him not guilty of desertion but charged him with being absent without leave (AWOL) whereby he forfeited all back pay, thus avoiding stockade time. This unfortunate experience provided Charles with a sense of humility in the army and shame within his family. Charles matured rapidly and re-enlisted for another hitch in December 1863. Within the next year he worked his way up in rank from Private to Corporal to Sergeant. Charles H. Olin received an honorable discharge from the Union Army on 19 July 1865 at Alexander, Virginia.

About a year after his discharge, Charles H. Olin married Emma Marie Lewis. The Reverend N.T. Allen performed the service on 11

November 1866 in Plainfield. Emma Lewis, born 4 April 1847, a native of Plainfield, was working in one of Jewett City's cotton mills. Charles and Emma Olin set up housekeeping in Jewett City where they had three children: Mary Ellen, born 15 July 1870; and twins, Henry and Henrietta, born 8 March 1873. Henrietta died 1919 in Griswold, Connecticut.

Charles had not acquired any significant civilian work skills from the army so he began working in a wood finishing mill and continued for the next thirty years. When he was fifty, Charles had the misfortune of losing fingers from his left hand. Charles applied for a veteran's disability pension from the government. A Jewett City physician, Dr. George H. Jennings testified on behalf of Charles:

> "October 8, 1896 about 9:30 a.m., Charles H. Olin was brought to my office from the Slater Mills where he had received an injury while running a buzz planer. The accident was stated to have occurred by the piece of wood that he was holding 'jumping' and throwing his left hand against the blades of the planer. He was not at all under the influence of intoxicants at the time. The injury to the left hand had cut off all fingers diagonally leaving one joint of index finger."

Charles received $6 per month which increased to $20. Before he died 20 July 1904. His widow, Emma Lewis Olin, applied for a widow's pension and received $40 per month until her death. Charles and Emma Olin were buried in the Jewett City Lower Cemetery.

A humorous story accompanied Charles home from the army. It seems that the Union Army of the Potomac was constantly sending out foraging units to gather food to feed its soldiers. One such party, commanded by a Colonel, ranged west to the foothills of the northern Blue Ridge chain of mountains where they established a base operation.

The Colonel ordered Sgt. Charles Olin to take a fatigue party to clean out a beautiful fountain bubbling spring at the foot of a low ridge. Shortly after, Sergeant Olin reported to headquarters that his men were all drunk. The colonel said, "You should not have let the men drink whiskey."

"I did not," replied Olin; "they drank nothing but water from the spring."

Sergeant Olin and his men were ordered into the guard-tent and a new detail with a Lieutenant in charge with orders not to let his men drink any whiskey was sent to the spring.

Not long after the Lieutenant reported the men all drunk. The men were ordered to the guard-tent and the Lieutenant under arrest.

A third party was sent out of which the Colonel personally assumed command. He took a seat on a stump so he could overlook the whole ground, determined there should be no getting drunk this time. But, in a short time his men were all drunk. He was certain they had drunk nothing but water, which they frequently did by getting down on their knees and drinking from the branch just below the bubbling spring.

The Colonel was stumped, ordered his men to the guard-tent and retired for the night. The next morning he assembled the drinking culprits offering them no punishment if they would show him how they did it. They agreed and took him to the spring.

They unearthed a five-gallon jug partly filled with whiskey. The mouth of the jug was stopped with a cork in which a quill was inserted that reached the bottom. The jug was buried with just the quill showing that allowed the men to drink whisky rather than water.

JOHN F. OLIN (6)

The sixth child of George W. and Zipplite Olin was John F. Olin, born 8 Sept. 1847, and died 3 March 1849, a victim of the cholera.

JULIA ANN OLIN (6)

Julia Ann Olin, the seventh child of George W. and Zipplite Olin, was born 11 April 1849. Julia also became a victim of cholera in Plainfield, Connecticut.

FRANK P. OLIN (6)

The eighth child belonging to George W. and Zipplite Olin was Frank P. Olin, born 9 Sept. 1851, and died six months later 17 March 1852 in Plainfield.

SUSAN E. OLIN (6)

The ninth child, born 22 April 1853 to George W. and Zipplite Olin was Susan E. Olin who began teaching school when she was seventeen years old. Susan married Henry E. Phelps on 18 October 1876. Phelps was born 14 November 1834. She died 12 April 1919 and he died 24 September 1918.

DWIGHT H. OLIN (6)

The tenth child was Dwight H. Olin born ca 1856.

ERNEST A. OLIN (6)

No confirmation of Ernest A. Olin's identity

MATTIE N. OLIN (6)

Mattie makes twelve children attributed to the marriage of George W. Olin and Zipplite Green. She was born 27 October 1848 and married Herbert Parkhurst at Fort Hunter, New York, 4 June 1866. Her birthdate lies amidst her siblings, John F., Julia Ann and Frank P. Olin, who had all died very, very young.

George W. Olin died, age sixty-two, in 1877 and Zipplite Green Olin died, age sixty-nine in 1887, both in the Town of Plainfield. George's mother, Anna, had lived with George and Zipplite after his father, William, had died in 1851.

WILLIAM OLIN (5)

The son of William and Anna Olin, William Olin, born 1 Oct. 1817 in Canterbury, Windham county, Connecticut told his prospective bride that he intended to become more than just a farmer. He wanted to be one of the best. He could be if a same age neighbor girl, Orillia Brown, daughter of Luther and Mary Bennett Brown, would consent to be his wife. She agreed to become his lifetime, farmer partner. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Wakefield in Plainfield on 18 Feb. 1839. Orillia Brown was a dedicated and faithful member of the Plainfield First Congregational Church. She made sure that the necessary letters of admittance and dismissal were issued whenever

they relocated to another parish.

William and Orillia Olin had two known children, perhaps more. Their first child, William F. Olin, was born July 1842 in Canterbury. He married Elizabeth Harriett Moshier in Norwich on 8 Feb. 1863.

William and Orillia Olin did become one of the more progressive and successful farmers in the Town of Plainfield. In 1860, William employed two live-in farm laborers, one a black man named George Heall. Also included in his household was a 16-year-old Elizabeth C. Brown, a niece of Orillia Brown Olin. When William died, his will named his wife executrix of his estate and left a special watch with a gold chain to his son, Charles. Not only did he own a valuable farm, he also owned four choice lots in the village of Plainfield. By 1870 he was working in a local iron foundry.

William Olin, sometimes referred to as Junior, died 31 March 1892. Orillia Brown Olin died 2 October 1906 intestate. The Courts appointed their son, Charles, as administrator, settling the family estate in 1907.

William and Orillia Brown Olin's other known child was Charles H. K. Olin, born 5 April 1861, died 15 February 1935 in Plainfield.

William F. was a molder and pattern maker for D. & M. Dickinson & Company in Norwich until 1884 when he became a traveling salesman. In 1913 William F., at age seventy-one, became the caretaker for the Yantic cemetery in Norwich. His wife, Elizabeth Harriett Moshier was also known as Harriett Elizabeth before and after her marriage to William F. Olin. They had a daughter, Gertrude Olin, who married _____Simmons. William F. died in 1919 and Elizabeth H. died four years later in 1923 in Norwich, New London County, Connecticut.

NATHANIEL OLIN (5)

The fifth son of William and Anna Olin, Nathaniel Olin, was born 6 August 1819 in Griswold. He mixed mortar and carried, chipped, cut, and laid stone from his teen years until his marriage. By that time, 1847, the 28-year-old Nathaniel Olin was recognized as a master stone mason in great demand. Although his work kept him moving about the New London and Windham Counties, he managed to commit

to a marriage with Sarah A. Baldwin, born ca 1825 in Canterbury, daughter of Isaac and Philena Baldwin.

Nathaniel and Sarah Olin had three children born in Plainfield. The first, Sarah M. Olin, was born 10 May 1848 and married George Crampton about 1873. The Cramptons had a daughter, Ada, born 15 September 1875, who married Otis M. Casler, son of Myon and Chloe Smith Casler. Otis was born 3 June 1869 in Syracuse, New York and married Ada Crampton on 31 August 1893.

Nathaniel and Sarah Olin's only son, Herbert N. Olin, was born ca 1857 in Canterbury and worked as a bookkeeper in 1870 at Plainfield. Their other daughter, Jennie B. Olin, born 20 May 1866, married 26 year old Arthur H. Mattewson, who was born in Plainfield but living in Fitchburg, Massachusetts at the time of his marriage on 4 November 1886.

During early years of their marriage, Nathaniel and Sarah shared their home in Canterbury with Sarah's mother, Philena Baldwin, Sarah's twenty-year-old sister and Sarah's two younger brothers. About 1858, Nathaniel and Sarah rented a house in Pomfret, Windham County, Connecticut. In 1860 they were back in Canterbury having real property valued at $4,400. And personal property valued at $1,800. Later in 1870 they were living in Plainfield where Nathaniel became a dealer in window sash and blinds. During the 1870s, Nathaniel was happy with his business and took in his son, Herbert, who had gained considerable accounting experience. They relocated the business to the city of Norwich where they operated a wholesale and retail establishment at 49 Water Street. They expanded to become dealers in sash, doors, blinds, moldings, paints and oils.

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Nathaniel and Herbert Olin paid for this ad that appeared in several Norwich City Directories during late 1870s.

Sarah A. Baldwin Olin died 10 March 1875 in Canterbury and was buried in the Packer Cemetery. The widower,

Nathaniel Olin, married Mary D. Ensworth, age 56, from Hanover. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George W. Kellogg in Canterbury. Nathaniel Olin died from pneumonia on 13 January 1893 and was buried beside his first wife in Canterbury.

PUSWELL OLIN (5)

The sixth son of William and Anna Olin, Puswell/Roswell Olin was born of William and Anna Olin, Puswell/Roswell Olin was born about 1823. The line had been drawn between the northern states and the southern states over the right to own slaves. Most northern families were phasing out their slaves, referring to them as paid help or common laborer. Puswell Olin for most of his life worked on different farms as a common laborer, occasionally working on construction of bridges and foundations for buildings. He may have married Lucy M. _____ but we have nothing to substantiate this.

In 1850, 27 year old Puswell was working on a large farm for a widower, Amos Witten, who had three young children. Witten also had three male and one female employees, including Puswell. The female was black and one of the males was black. The name, Lucy M. _____ was not mentioned. A few years later, Puswell bought a farm of his own near Jewett City where Lucy, possibly Puswell's wife took sick. Prudence Olin, widow of his Uncle Newbury, moved in to help Puswell. Puswell Olin died sometime after the 1900 census when both he and Lucy were listed as inmates in the town of Canterbury Alms House.

GILES OLIN (5)

The seventh son born to William and Anna Olin was Giles Olin, born ca 1825 in Griswold, who married eighteen-year-old Emily Jane Sweetland from Elba, Genesee County, NY, about 1847. Giles possessed no special or outstanding skills. Most of his working time was spent laboring in different saw mills, grist mills and cotton mills in the Plainfield area.

Giles and Emily Olin had five children born in Plainfield: Hannah/ Henrietta, born 20 March 1848; Sarah Frances, born ca 1850; James M., born 2 February 1851; Emma J., born ca 1854; and, Aliston, born

February 1857. Giles and Emily Olin relocated to New Hartford, Litchfield County, Connecticut, where Emily died in 1895 and Giles died in 1903. Probate records in Hartland, 1904, for Giles Olin, mentions three children who were living at that time, but not by name.

Giles and Emily's daughters, Hannah D. and Emma J., worked in a silk mill during the 1870s. The sisters were living in the household of William O. Atwood, Superintendent of the mill, and his wife and two children. Giles and Emily's other daughter, Sarah Frances, married _____ Slater on 17 February 1880 in Plainfield.

Giles and Emily Olin's son, James M., married a girl from England, Susan _____ and resided in the Town of Colebrook, Litchfield County, Connecticut. They were the parents of two known daughters: Hattie, born October 1886; and Emily J., born October 1895. Their other son, Aliston W. married Addie _____ and had two known daughters: Florence E., born August 1891; and, Helen M., born July 1896, who made her residence in the Town of Mansfield, Tolland County, Connecticut.

CHARLES OLIN (5)

The eighth son of William and Anna Olin was Charles Olin, born 1833 in Griswold. Any information other than his birth has eluded this researcher.

JAMES OLIN (5)

It is not known for sure if William and Anna Olin had a son, James. Reference had been made that William and Anna had nine sons. A James Olin has not been placed. He has been added here only for a possible connection in the future.

Chapter 10

Phillip (3) And Mary Olin's Son, Benjamin Olin (4)

BENJAMIN OLIN (4)

Phillip and Mary Green Olin's second child, a son Benjamin, born 14 April 1768 in the Town of Preston, New London County, Connecticut, was a positive sign to the Olins of a prosperous year ahead. Neighbors, relatives and peers from the First Congregational Church were invited to celebrate Benjamin's birth which coincided with the first bloom of spring flowers. Benjamin, defined as "son of a right hand," was the first named Benjamin Olin of many to follow.

By 1772, passenger and mail coaches began regular trips over a rocky and muddy road between New York City and Boston. No improvements were made to the road until 1790, a few years after the Revolutionary War. By then other roads or toll turnpikes were in use complementing the barge traffic on the inland waterways.

At the turn of the century the farmers of Connecticut, including Phillip Olin and his son Benjamin were profiting from sales of produce to seacoast markets. There, barrels of apples and pork, sacks of onions and bundles of barrel staves were put aboard ships bound for the southern ports of the new United States and West Indies.

But Benjamin, as did his father, took to buying and selling real estate more seriously than farming as a business. In 1795 Phillip and Benjamin purchased 166 acres from Simon Brewster and sold it in 1802, making a substantial profit. Between the years 1796 and 1844, Benjamin bought, traded, leased or sold dozens of properties in the Towns of Preston, Griswold and Canterbury. One house purchased from Joseph Palmer in 1833, was described as a mansion.

Benjamin Olin failed to have the full respect of his associates or have the true honest character that his father had. Consequently, some of his transactions gave no profit. He was often late in making his own payments, perhaps not having good business sense. Nevertheless, he was considered a fairly successful businessman.

The "great Exodus" from New England, and Connecticut in particular, began about 1817 when lands in the midwest were opened to the public. Many farms in New London and Windham Counties were sold for less than their value in order to finance a family's move to the Ohio River land. Businessmen like Benjamin were attempting to buy as much as they could, speculating on the future. Benjamin formed a partnership with his son-in-law, John H. Fitch, husband of his youngest daughter, Betsy. He also had successful partnerships with William W. Brown and William P. Greene.

During the last four years preceding his death in 1848, Benjamin sold over ten parcels, most with buildings, to William P. Greene, Amy Cook, John H. Fitch, and to his son, Benjamin Jr. and wife Susan Partlow.

Benjamin Olin first married Sarah Olin, his aunt who was divorced from John F. Rayment. The Olin marriage vows were performed by Rev. Levi Hart in Griswold, October 10, 1793. Sarah gave birth to twins in Preston on the 16 of February 1794. Both died, unnamed, within a week. Sarah Olin Rayment Olin was born 31 March 1756 to Joseph and Mary Aylesworth Olin. She died eleven months after the twins in the same year, 28 December 1794 at Preston.

Benjamin Olin's second marriage was to Sally Bonn of Preston and again the Rev. Levi Hart performed the marriage ritual. Sally and Benjamin had eleven children during the next eighteen years, all born in Preston: Benjamin Jr., Harriett, George, John, Sabra, William, Emeline, Charlotte, Elijah, Betsy, and Jeffrey.

In 1812, Benjamin petitioned the Selectmen to reroute a road, making it closer to his house and outbuildings. It was authorized and accomplished.

New London County was hit with a disastrous flood in 1823. Benjamin accompanied his neighbors in volunteering days of help for the flood victims along the Thames River at Norwich.

Sally Bonn Olin, Benjamin's second wife and mother of his children, died at age 68 on 5 July, 1841 in Preston and was buried in the Long Society Cemetery located between Preston and Norwich. Two years later on 9 March 1843, Benjamin Olin married a third time to Elizabeth Ann Babcock of Herkimer County, New York.

At that time, most of Benjamin's children were living in or around Marcy, Oneida County, New York. Marcy is only ten miles from the Herkimer County line. It seems feasible that Benjamin became acquainted with Elizabeth Ann Babcock while visiting his children. Rev. Nathan E. Shailer performed the marriage in New York State. Benjamin and Elizabeth returned to his home in Connecticut.

The death of 80-year-old Benjamin Olin, Sr. on 31 July 1848 came as a shock to the children. They had considered him invincible, to be forever as happy and healthy as he had been for 80 years. It took two years to settle his estate which was divided equally among his six sons, each receiving $155, plus an extra $4 for Jeffrey, the youngest. Benjamin Olin was buried beside his second wife, Sally Bonn, in the Long Society Cemetery.

A partial list of Benjamin's assets upon his death includes:

3 cotton sheets	$ .50
4 pillow cases	.20
3 woolen sheets	3.50
1 table cloth	.20
1 cherry table	.34
1 hat	.25
12 old chairs	1.50
1 overcoat	1.40
1 old sheep shears	.10
1 old hammer	.10
1 maple table	.75

Note: In July 1990, Maretta OLAN Fair and her daughter, Jo-Anne Fair Moriarty, visited the Preston Long Society Cemetery. Maretta is a great-, great-, great-granddaughter of this Benjamin Olin and relates the experience of their visit.

"We were very excited to find Ben and Sally's burial stones. We had no difficulty reading the inscriptions on the

two upright, greyed, marble stones that stood side by side directly east of the aging cemetery's entrance. The words chiseled in the $11.00, 150-year-old stones read:

SALLY OLIN
Wife of Benjamin Olin
Who died July 5, 1841
Age 68

BENJAMIN OLIN
Who died July 31, 1848
Aged 80

Maretta Olin Fair smiles proudly from between the two stones that identify her great-, great-, great-grandparents, Benjamin Olin (4) and Sally Bonn Olin.

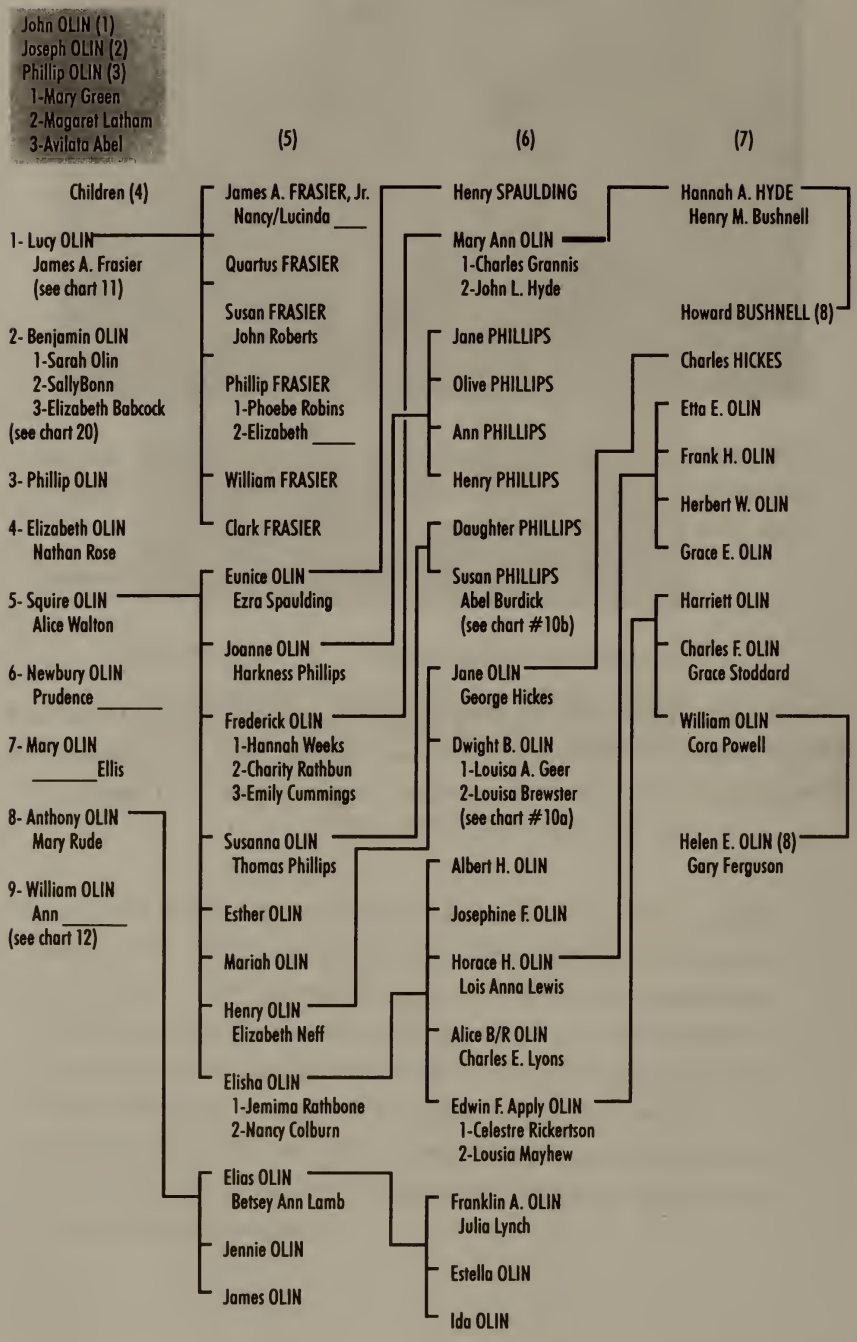
Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarity

"The Long Society Church, built in the 1700s, is still being used and in good condition, depicting the structures of the era. We peered through the windows, imagining members of the family attending the services. The cemetery was fairly large, full of stones and well groomed, but with many illegible stones. We stood in the rain beside the tombstones of Ben and Sally realizing our ancestors stood in the very same place, weeping and praying. May they continue to rest in peace."

Ben and Sally Olin were buried in the Long Society Church Cemetery on Long Society Road between Norwich and Preston City, New London County, Connecticut.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarity

This concludes Part III, chapters 6-10, of the Phillip (3) Olin and Mary Greene's children with their descendants, with the exception of Benjamin (4) Olin whose descendants begin in part IV, Chapter 11.


John OLIN (1)
Joseph OLIN (2)
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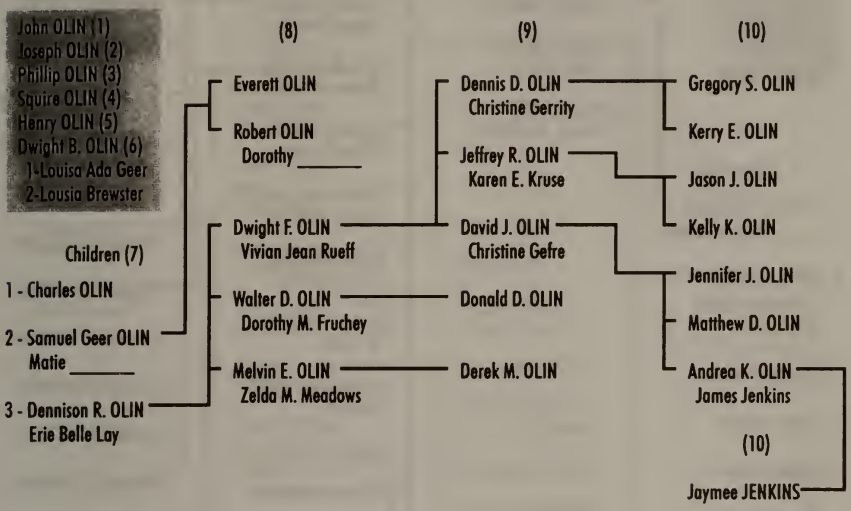
1-Mary Green
2-Magaret Latham
3-Avilata Abel
(5)
(6)
(7)
Children (4)
1- Lucy OLIN
James A. Frasier
(see chart 11)
2- Benjamin OLIN
1-Sarah Olin
2-SallyBonn
3-Elizabeth Babcock
(see chart 20)
3- Phillip OLIN
4- Elizabeth OLIN
Nathan Rose
5- Squire OLIN
Alice Walton
6- Newbury OLIN
Prudence _____
7- Mary OLIN
_____Ellis
8- Anthony OLIN
Mary Rude
9- William OLIN
Ann _____
(see chart 12)
James A. FRASIER, Jr.
Nancy/Lucinda ___
Quartus FRASIER
Susan FRASIER
John Roberts
Phillip FRASIER
1-Phoebe Robins
2-Elizabeth ____
William FRASIER
Clark FRASIER
Eunice OLIN
Ezra Spaulding
Joanne OLIN
Harkness Phillips
Frederick OLIN
1-Hannah Weeks
2-Charity Rathbun
3-Emily Cummings
Susanna OLIN
Thomas Phillips
Esther OLIN
Mariah OLIN
Henry OLIN
Elizabeth Neff
Elisha OLIN
1-Jemima Rathbone
2-Nancy Colburn
Elias OLIN
Betsey Ann Lamb
Jennie OLIN
James OLIN
Henry SPAULDING
Mary Ann OLIN
1-Charles Grannis
2-John L. Hyde
Jane PHILLIPS
Olive PHILLIPS
Ann PHILLIPS
Henry PHILLIPS
Daughter PHILLIPS
Susan PHILLIPS
Abel Burdick
(see chart #10b)
Jane OLIN
George Hickes
Dwight B. OLIN
1-Louisa A. Geer
2-Louisa Brewster
(see chart #10a)
Albert H. OLIN
Josephine F. OLIN
Horace H. OLIN
Lois Anna Lewis
Alice B/R OLIN
Charles E. Lyons
Edwin F. Apply OLIN
1-Celestre Rickertson
2-Lousia Mayhew
Franklin A. OLIN
Julia Lynch
Estella OLIN
Ida OLIN
Hannah A. HYDE
Henry M. Bushnell
Howard BUSHNELL (8)
Charles HICKES
Etta E. OLIN
Frank H. OLIN
Herbert W. OLIN
Grace E. OLIN
Harriett OLIN
Charles F. OLIN
Grace Stoddard
William OLIN
Cora Powell
Helen E. OLIN (8)
Gary Ferguson

CHART 10a DWIGHT B. AND ADA GEER OLIN (6) AND SUSAN PHILLIPS AND ABEL BURDICK DESCENDANTS



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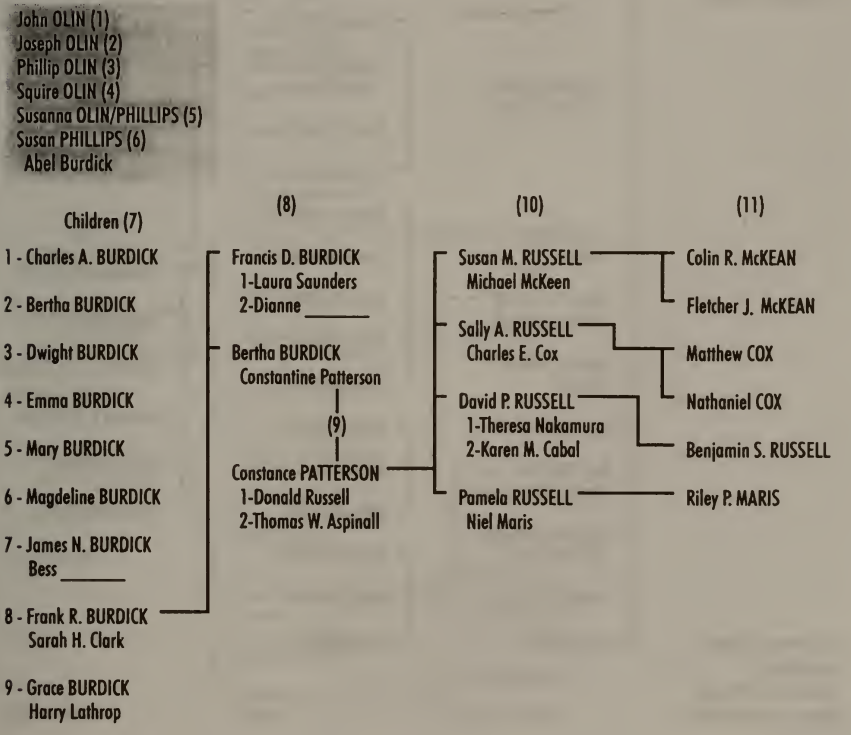
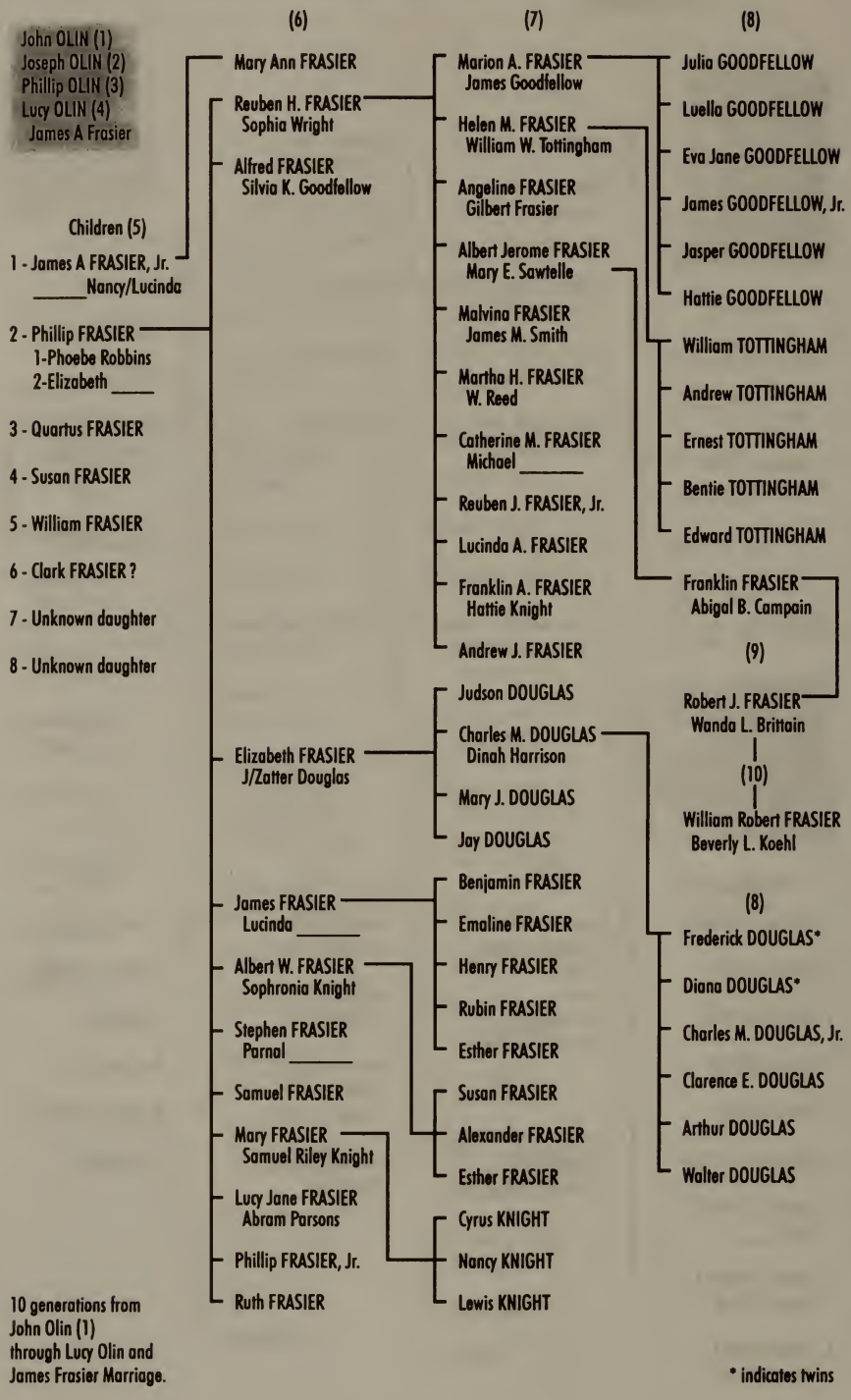


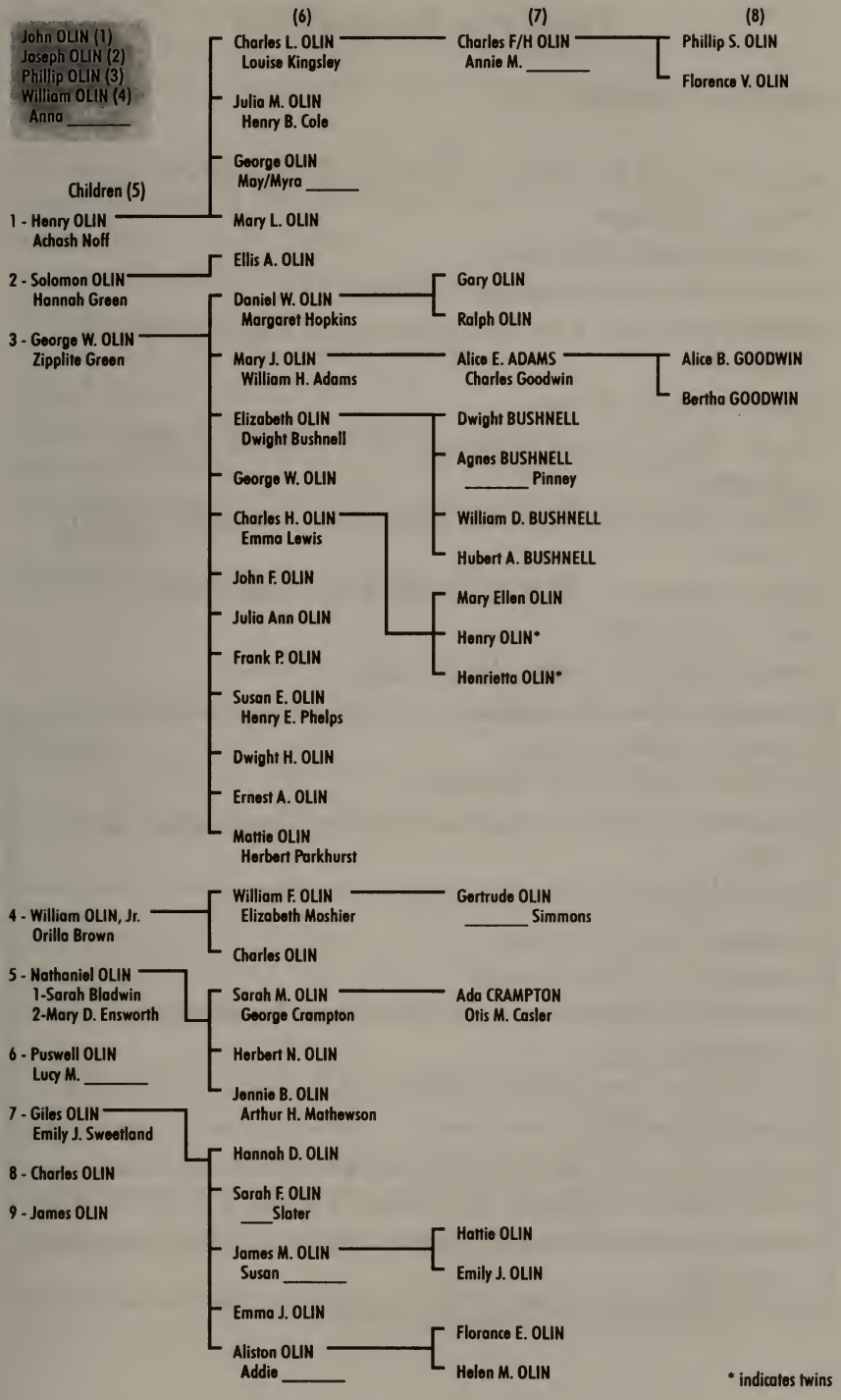
CHART 11 LUCY OLIN (4) AND JAMES FRASIER DESCENDANTS



10 generations from John Olin (1) through Lucy Olin and James Frasier Marriage.

* indicates twins

CHART 12 WILLIAM OLIN (4) AND ANNA _____ DESCENDANTS



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PART IV

Benjamin Olin's (4) and Sally Bonn's Family in Connecticut and New York

In the continual remembrance of a glorious past,
Individuals and nations find their noblest inspiration.
—William Osler, MD

Chapter 11

Benjamin (4) And Sally Olin's Five Daughters

HARRIETT OLIN (5)

The first daughter and second child of Benjamin and Sally Bonn Olin, Harriett Olin was born 21 April 1798 in Preston, New London County, Connecticut. She married Lyman Hall on 13 February _____, in Preston, the Rev. Palmer officiating. Lyman and Harriett Olin Hall were the first of the Benjamin and Sally Olin family to migrate to New York State. The Halls settled in Oneida County. Harriett's brother, George, who married Susan Corning, migrated a few months later, but continued on to Oswego County. Their brothers, John and William, moved from Preston, Connecticut, to Oswego County, New York, about three years later.

Harriett Olin Hall died 22 January 1863, at age sixty-four, in Marcy, Oneida County, New York, and was buried in the Baker/ Browning Cemetery.

SABRA OLIN (5)

Sabra Olin, the fifth child of Benjamin and Sally Bonn Olin, was born 10 July 1804, in Preston, Connecticut, and was married 4 May

1827 to Benjamin Davis. Davis was born in Trenton, Oneida County, New York, in 1800. Sabra Olin and Benjamin Davis were married in her parents' home by the Rev. Palmer. Benjamin Davis influenced Sabra's brothers to leave the state of Connecticut for the more adventurous New York State. All of Benjamin's children migrated to Oneida County, New York, except possibly Emeline, Charlotte, Betsy, and Jeffrey.

EMELINE OLIN (5)

The seventh child of Benjamin and Sally Olin was Emeline Olin, born 12 October 1808, who married Dudley B. Morgan of Groton, Connecticut. Emeline had left her home in Preston for a job in a clothespin factory in Groton. She induced her hometown Rev. Palmer to perform the marriage ceremony in Groton on 2 December 1832. For some members of her family, it was their first sight of the waters in Long Island Sound.

CHARLOTTE OLIN (5)

Charlotte Olin was the eighth child born to Benjamin and Sally Olin. Born 23 April 1809 in Preston, Connecticut, Charlotte, a premature baby, survived the conditions of the early 19th century with the help of her family's love and special care. She responded to their love by becoming a vibrant and compassionate young lady who, when 25 years old, married a prosperous merchant, Barnabus H. Waters, in Lisbon, Connecticut. By now, the Rev. Palmer had retired, replaced temporarily by the Rev. Porter, who performed the Olin-Waters marriage on 27 February 1834, in Preston, Connecticut.

BETSY OLIN (5)

Betsy Olin, the tenth child of Benjamin and Sally Olin, was born on the 10th of May 1813. Betsy was inclined to be on the heavy side through her youthful years. She married John Harrison Fitch, who was born 14 April 1814 in Preston, the son of John Clark Fitch and Patty Martha Bromley. John H. Fitch was the oldest of nine children, and Betsy was almost the youngest of eleven children. Between the

two families, there were twenty siblings. The marriage vows between Betsy and John were exchanged on New Years' Day 1837, in a ceremony officiated by the Rev. Shailer, the new, permanent minister of the First Congregational Church in Preston.

John Fitch was a farmer in Preston, with a farm valued at $1800 in 1850. John and Betsy Fitch had four children by then: Betsy M. Fitch, born 19 December 1838; John A. Fitch, born 9 September 1840; Charly G. Fitch, born 9 August 1845; and Julia Ann Fitch, born 7 October 1847.

Betsy Olin Fitch died 29 October 1879, and John H. Fitch died 31 March 1891, both in the Sprague/Hanover area of Connecticut. After Betsy's death, John H. Fitch may have married again, to Jane L. _____.

Chapter 12

Benjamin (4) And Sally Olin's Six Sons

BENJAMIN OLIN (5)

Benjamin and Sally Olin named their first child, a son, Benjamin Olin—perhaps "junior," but no record hints of it. He was born in Preston, New London County, Connecticut, where he married Susan Partlo/Partlow. Shortly after his marriage, they left Connecticut to join other family members in Oneida County, New York. Detailed information about this family will be shown in Part VI, Chapters 18–20.

GEORGE OLIN (5)

Benjamin and Sally Olin's second son, George Olin, also born in Preston, Connecticut, married Susan Corning and had at least seven children. Part IV, Chapter 13, includes the descendants of George and Susan Olin's family.

JOHN P. OLIN (5)

Benjamin and Sally Olin's son, John P. Olin, was born in Preston, Connecticut. He married FannyYork Davis and had ten children born in Oneida County, New York. Detailed information about this family and their descendants may be found in Part V, Chapter 15.

WILLIAM OLIN (5)

The sixth child of Benjamin and Sally Olin was William Olin, born 14 April 1806 in Preston, Connecticut. His first marriage was to Sally Nukey on 17 April 1827, in Griswold, New London County, Connecticut, with Justice of the Peace Tom Stewart officiating. No record of Sally's birth date, death, or issue has surfaced. William left Connecticut for New York State a few years after his brothers and sisters. It was 1837 when he made his first land purchase in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County, New York, paying $625 for 25 acres with

buildings. In 1843, for $1500, he added to his farm another 50 acres which had excellent buildings and was adjacent to his first purchase. The road he was living on became known as OLIN Road. He later added another 30 acres, making his farm a total of 105 acres. A Town of Marcy map dated 1874 shows the location of the William Olin homestead.

It appears that this William married again in Oneida County, about 1845, to Catherine Lugan, who was born in 1807. William and Catherine had three sons: William H. Olin, born in 1846; Edwin Olin, born in 1848; and Giles Olin, born in 1850, all in the Town of Marcy.

Catherine became very ill and weak following the birth of her son Giles. William became gravely concerned over the health of his wife and the welfare of his young sons. He and his brother, John P. Olin, had always had a close relationship, being about the same age and sharing farm responsibilities. John's wife, the robust Fanny Davis, solved William's problem by insisting that Catherine and the three boys move into her home until Catherine regained her health. Fanny still had three boys under 15 years old of her own living at home. She enlisted the aid of her sons to help care for the younger cousins while she ministered to Catherine, but Catherine failed to respond. Catherine Olin died 30 July 1850 and was buried in the Baker/Browning Cemetery, Town of Marcy.

Perhaps William married for a third time. In any event, he turned his farm over to his son, Edwin Olin, whose name appears on a later Town of Marcy map. William had become successful enough to purchase an entire vacant block in the city of Utica from a New York City couple. He built a fine, imposing house on the corner of Chestnut and Oswego Streets.

WILLIAM H. OLIN (6)

William and Catherine's oldest of three sons, William H. Olin, born in 1846 in Oneida County, New York, became a farmer of good intentions. But he had developed *athropic* condition, a deterioration of his body. William had to give up farming, never married, and died in his mid-forties.

EDWIN OLIN (6)

The second son of William and Catherine Olin's marriage, Edwin Olin, born in 1848 in Marcy, married Louisa Mayhew about 1871 in Marcy. Louisa Mayhew was also born in 1848 in Marcy. Edwin and Louisa Olin had a son, William H. Olin, born in 1873 in Marcy. William H. Olin was named in honor of his ailing uncle, also William H. Olin.

Edwin Olin took over his father's farm on Olin Road near Stittsville around 1890. At the turn of the century, silos for ensilage, chopped corn stalks with or without ears, were becoming a necessity to increase milk production. Edwin felt the need for a silo but couldn't see paying the price for a factory-made one. Instead, he took logs from his forest to a saw mill on Irish Road. R. Williams cut the logs into boards that were then planed on one side and both edges tongued-and-grooved. He doesn't mention the cost of having the lumber made, but listed the cost of fixtures (including hoops, lugs, and cement) and labor to be $27.13, and the filling of the silo with chopped corn to be $14.50, for a total of $41.68.

WILLIAM H. OLIN (7)

Edwin and Louisa Olin's son, William H. Olin, born in 1873 in Marcy, married Cora Powell on 9 January 1895 in Marcy. Their marriage produced a daughter, Helen E. Olin, born 2 September 1896. Helen E. Olin married Gary Ferguson and died in 1943 at the age of fifty. She was buried in the Olin section of the Stittsville Cemetery.

The Powell family of Marcy and Stittsville may have been unstable or insecure: three suicides, two by hanging and one by drowning, have been recorded.

GILES OLIN (7)

Giles Olin, born in 1850 in Marcy, was the youngest of three sons belonging to William and Catherine Olin.

ELIJAH OLIN (5)

The ninth child of Benjamin and Sally Bonn Olin was Elijah Olin,

born 8 February 1811. He married Mary Ann _____ ca 1843 in New Lisbon, Otsego County, New York. They left Connecticut for New York State just before his father married his third wife, Elizabeth Ann Babcock, in 1843.

JEFFREY OLIN (5)

Jeffrey Olin was Benjamin and Sally Olin's sixth son and the last child of eleven children. He married Betsy Wilcox and remained in Connecticut. He and his family did not migrate to Oneida, New York. This family's story is given in Chapter 14.

Chapter 13

George Olin (5) And Susan Corning Family

The third child and second son of Benjamin and Sally Bonn Olin was George Olin, born 24 November 1799 in Preston, Connecticut. George, like his sister Harriett, was married in Preston by the Rev. Palmer. The marriage between George and Susan Corning (born about 1798 in Norwich, New London County, Connecticut) took place on 3 January 1825. After the marriage ceremony by the Rev. Palmer, the following notice was posted:

> To Whom It May Concern
> This is to certify that Mr. George Olin of Preston and Mifs Susan Corning of Norwich were joined by marriage at Mr. William Albertsons, agreeable, State of Connecticut, January 3, 1825. [sic]

Shortly after their marriage, George and Susan Olin left Connecticut to settle in Oneida County, New York. They had at least seven children, all born in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County, New York: James, born ca 1825; Andrew, born ca 1828; George, Jr., born 1830; Alford, born ca 1832; Mary A., born ca 1835; Charlotte, born 1837; and Charles M., born November 1840.

Apparently, George and Susan accompanied his brother, Benjamin and wife, Susan Partlo/Partlow, to Oswego County from Oneida County in the mid-1830s. They purchased property with the intention of staying, but instead, returned to Oneida County within a year or two. George and Susan Olin paid $250 to Abner Henderson for 20 acres in the Town of Scriba, Oswego County, NY in 1835. The 1835 census had George and Susan living in Richland, Oswego County. After returning to Oneida County, George and Susan Olin sold the same 20 acres for $350 to Arabirt Day in 1846. The Olins were said to

have been living in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County, New York, in 1846.

Any additional information on their children James, Andrew, Mary A., and Charlotte has not materialized. The 1860 census, however, indicates that the three older brothers, James, Andrew, and George, Jr., were employed full time on different farms on the same two-mile stretch of road in the Town of Trenton, Oneida County.

GEORGE OLIN, JR. (6)

George Olin, Jr., born 1830 in Marcy, Oneida County, NY, joined the Union Army on 30 August 1862 at Boonville, Oneida County. He signed for three years and was promoted to Corporal in Company D on 15 December 1862. Later, he was assigned to Company F of the same 146th Infantry Regiment, commanded by Colonel Halleck. This particular infantry regiment was known as "Garrard's Tigers."

Upon completion of his three years, George Olin, Jr., re-enlisted for another hitch as a Second Lieutenant in Company F on 1 March 1865. The Civil War was over in April 1865, causing the veteran soldiers to return home to their families. George probably had no family at home and accepted an appointment as First Lieutenant of Company F on 16 July 1865. He did not, however, assume the commissioned duties and did return home. His time in service was spent in the defense of the nation's capitol.

ALFORD OLIN (6)

Born ca 1832 in Oneida County, NY, Alford Olin began working on Jabez Holmes's farm in the Town of Trenton when he was 16 years old. Alford had two brothers who were also working on nearby farms. Alford Olin married Elizabeth/Eliza/Alicia _____. They had a son, Melvin A. Olin, born May 1856, who died 11 July 1856. Melvin was buried in the Baker/Browning Cemetery in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County, New York.

CHARLES M. OLIN (6)

Charles M. Olin, the youngest child of George and Susan Corning Olin, born 6 November 1840 in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County,

NY, married Margaret Agusta Hamilton on 6 November 1861. Margaret A. Hamilton, born 30 April 1840 in Steuben, Oneida County, New York, was a daughter of Harry Hamilton and Margaret Greenfield whose parents were Joseph and Polly Greenfield.

Family tradition claims that Margaret A. Hamilton married beneath her worldly status by marrying Charles M. Olin. The family claimed to be related to Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. Yet, regardless of kinships, this Hamilton family was in poor circumstances. Margaret A.'s siblings, all of whom were born in Illinois, were: George, born ca 1836; Harriet M., born ca 1848; and Sarah J., born ca 1850. Unable to find any information about Harry Hamilton, we can speculate that he was either in the Army or trying to find his place in the Midwest. Margaret Greenfield traveled with him to Illinois, where she gave birth to George, returned to Oneida County, New York, to give birth to Margaret Agusta, went back to Illinois where she gave birth to the two youngest children and, then, made a final move back to Oneida County in 1853.

The 1855 census shows the daughter, Margaret A. Hamilton, to be 15 years old and employed as a servant in the household adjacent to where her mother and siblings were living, a household headed by Polly Greenfield, quite possibly young Margaret's grandmother. Harry Hamilton may have died in service or by accident or, possibly, he abandoned his family.

Another family tradition has it that Charles M. Olin served time in the Union Army during the Civil War, but a search of the National Archives failed to find anything that would match his vital records.

Charles M. Olin died 23 December 1911 in Vernon, Oneida County, and Margaret A. Hamilton Olin died 13 August 1918 in Sherrill, Oneida County, New York. Both were buried in the Oneida Castle Cemetery.

The children of Charles M. and Margaret A. Olin were: Lottie M., born ca 1862; Jennie, born ca 1864; Effie E., born 27 March 1867, who married Charles A. Bellinger; Hattie, born ca 1869, who married Charles Wright; Charles M., Jr., born 16 December 1870 in Holland Patent, Oneida County; and Birdie L., born 1875, married Clarence A. Hamilton, 1955, and was buried in the Oneida Castle Cemetery.

EFFIE E. OLIN (7)

Effie E. Olin, born 27 March 1867 to Charles M. Olin and Margaret A. Hamilton of Holland Patent, Oneida County, NY, married Charles Asa Bellinger on 3 July 1884. Charles Asa and Effie had one child, a daughter, Mabell Jennie Bellinger, born 31 October 1887. Mabell married Arthur Olin Smith.

MABELL JENNIE BELLINGER (8)

The only child of Charles and Effie Bellinger, Mabell Jennie Bellinger, born 31 October 1887, married Arthur Olin Smith. Born 22 April 1880 in New York State, Arthur Olin Smith, a farmer, and Mabell Bellinger were married ca 1908. Arthur was the son of John Henry Smith and Jeannette Midr. Future researchers may be able to determine how Arthur came to have Olin for his middle name.

Arthur Olin Smith and Mabell Bellinger had five children: Charles Smith, born 16 August 1909; Mildred Emma Smith, born 16 December 1911; Rena Smith; Raymond Olin Smith, born 17 October 1916; and Florence Mabell Smith. Charles Smith married Helen Aegerter and had three children: Kathryn, Lloyd, and Charlene. Mildred Emma Smith married Raymond Clinch and had two sons: Marvin and Wayne. Rena Smith married Marshall Bielby and had four children: Richard, Arthur, Marsha, and Patricia Bielby. Raymond Olin Smith married Margaret Molley and had three children: Ardith, Sharon, and Sonia.

FLORENCE MABELL SMITH (9)

The youngest child of Arthur Olin Smith and Mabell Bellinger, Florence Mabell Smith, became a school teacher and a Methodist Sunday School teacher. She married Clarence Williams, a civilian worker at the Rome Griffiss Air Force Base and a veteran of World War II. They have lived in Rome, Oneida County, Cortland County, and Oswego County, all in New York State. Clarence and Florence Williams had three children: Suzanne Williams, born 2 November 1949 in Cortland County; Randy Williams, who married May Daley and had a daughter, Rachel; and Wendy Williams, born 10 September 1960, who married Stephen Waters on 3 November 1984 and had two children, Brad and Sarah Waters.

SUZANNE RAE WILLIAMS (10)

The oldest child of Clarence and Florence Williams was Suzanne Rae Williams, born 2 November 1949 in Cortland, New York. She worked in technology sales and married Frank Leslie Seymour, a retail manager, on 14 February 1969 in Oswego, New York. Frank L. Seymour was born 24 December 1948, the son of Leslie Frederick Seymour and Charlotte Margaret Wohlleben. Frank and Suzanne Seymour's work demanded frequent changes in location in New York State, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. They have three daughters: Amy Beth, born 3 June 1977 in Washington, DC; Lori Ellen, born 1 November 1974 in Washington, DC; and Lisa Marie, born 19 November 1969 in Syracuse, NY. Lisa Marie Seymour married William John Matte on 2 September 1989 in Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County, New York. She is a reference librarian with the City of Rome's Library.

CHARLES M. OLIN, JR. (7)

Charles M. Olin, Jr., born 16 December 1870 in Holland Patent, Oneida County, New York, was the only son of the six children born to Charles M. and Margaret M. Olin. Charles, Jr. married Jeannette A. Moore, daughter of John and Suzannah Moore of Sherrill, Oneida County, NY. Whenever they sold or transferred deeds to property, the Moore Family included three stipulations: no saloons allowed, no fermented or spiritous liquors, and no manufacturing allowed.

Charles M. Olin, Jr. died 20 November 1933 in Augusta, Oneida County, New York.

Chapter 14

Jeffrey Olin (5) and Betsey Wilcox Family

The eleventh and last child of Benjamin and Sally Olin was Jeffrey Olin, born in Preston, Connecticut, 20 July 1814. Naturally, being the baby of the family, Jeffrey was pampered by his parents and siblings, at least until he became a teenager. By then, most of his brothers and sisters had left home, reaching out to make their own destinies. He liked his father's farm and enjoyed the year-round chores. Jeffrey was still living with his parents when his mother died in July 1841.

Meanwhile, Jeffery Olin had been courting a neighbor girl but never had the nerve to commit himself to a marriage. Benjamin Olin, Jeffrey's father, became lonely and despondent after the death of his Sally. His sons and daughters living in Oneida County, NY, asked him to visit them, which he did. Jeffrey was left alone, forced to make a decision about getting married. On 25 November 1841, Jeffrey, now 27 years old, married 23-year-old Betsey Maria Wilcox. Presiding over the marriage ceremony in Preston was the Rev. Shailer, pastor of the First Congregational Church. Betsey M. Wilcox was born 27 August 1818 in Preston, the daughter of Abram Wilcox.

Betsey and Jeffrey Olin prepared what they thought would be their permanent home on the Olin farm, but his father had found a new wife in New York State and brought her back to Preston with him. Benjamin Olin and Elizabeth Ann Babcock were married in 1843 and, again, the Rev. Shailer played the key role. Considerable friction was generated between the father's and son's families, prompting Jeffrey to leave the farm.

He and Betsey moved to Groton, New London County, Connecticut, where he secured a job across the Thames River in Norwich. He became a boring-machine operator, boring holes in iron castings for the Peoples Machine Works. Years later, Jeffrey found the work too "boring" and always being inside too restrictive. He longed for the great outdoor life of a farmer. They left Groton and moved to Bolton, Tolland County, Connecticut, where he purchased a standing blacksmith shop from Gardner Wilcox for $260 on 10 March 1854.

Jeffrey Olin became a popular and innovative "smithy," using skills gained from the Peoples Machine Works in Norwich. Yet, he still longed for his own farm. Jeffrey moved his family to a small farm in Hebron and, finally, to a much larger farm in Andover, both towns being in Tolland County. Jeffrey and Betsey Olin's last four children were born in Tolland County, Connecticut.

GEORGE H. OLIN (6)

George Hill Olin was born in January 1843 and married 19 March 1865 in Groton, Connecticut, to Elizabeth Chapman, who was born 21 July 1829, the daughter of Samuel and Abiah Crouch Chapman. George and Elizabeth had two sons: George R. Olin, born 9 January 1867, who never lived the day out; and Samuel Riley Olin, born 6 June 1868 in Groton and married Mary Alice Watrous on 3 June 1901. George H. Olin died 8 June 1904 and was buried in the Hebron/Gilead First Congregational Church Cemetery. His wife, Elizabeth, died 5 December 1907 in Farmington, Connecticut.

Samuel R. and Mary Alice Watrous Olin had a daughter, Hazel Ellen Olin, born 13 December 1904, who married Harold Alonzo Shafer on 2 August 1924. The Shafer marriage produced four children: Herbert Harold Shafer, born in 1926; Merton Aubry Shafer, born in 1928; Elton Harry Shafer, born in 1930; and Arleen Hazel Shafer, born in 1931.

ANN MARIA OLIN (6)

Ann Maria Olin was born 25 November 1844 and was married to Daniel Chapman on 28 November 1861, three days after her 17th birthday. Daniel Chapman was a brother of Elizabeth Chapman who married George H. Olin. The marriage of Ann Marie and Daniel Chapman took place in Groton, Connecticut, where the Chapmans had four children.

The first born, Addie Chapman, born 6 February 1863, married Eben Clark on 1 January 1883. Addie and Eben Clark had a daughter, Freile Clark, born 20 April 1885, who married John B. Shields on 15 November 1905.

EVA MARIA CHAPMAN

Eva Maria Chapman was born 14 February 1895, Valentine's Day, and married Zephniah W. Watrous on 8 November 1914. They had four Watrous children: Virginia, Ellis, Ruby, and Royce.

Bryon Harvey Chapman, born 6 March 1867, married Amy Ester Crouch on 19 October 1894. Byron and Amy Crouch had a son, Norman Byron Chapman, born 25 June 1899.

Lawrence Daniel Chapman was the fourth and last child born to Daniel and Maria Chapman.

HARRIETT ARDELIA OLIN (6)

Harriett A. Olin was born 29 September 1847 and married Charles Plyman Whipple on New Years Day, 1 January 1865, about 3½ months before the cessation of the Civil War. Harriett died 28 October 1892, and Charles died 25 January 1919. Charles and Harriett Olin Whipple had eight children.

The first, Harriet Ermina Whipple, was born 15 November 1886 and married Arthur G. Lester on 25 July 1892, three months before her mother's death. They had two children, Marietta and Dorothy Lester. Harriet Whipple Lester died 15 February 1905.

Charles Nelson Whipple, born 5 January 1869, died seven years later on 9 January 1876.

Arthur Clarence Whipple, born 10 April 1872, married Mable L. Keacock on 29 August 1897. They had three Whipple children: Jennie May, Arthur, and Clarence.

Oscar Wesley Whipple, born 7 January 1874, married Carrie Rowley on 5 August 1899. They had two children: Mildred Whipple and Vincent Whipple.

Nellie Christina Whipple, born 1 December 1875, married Percy Pickering on 19 August 1899. They had one child, Clarence Pickering.

Charles Horton Whipple, born 30 October 1877, married Byrdana Brown on 23 November 1909. They had at least one child, Carol Whipple.

Addie Isabel Whipple, born 11 November 1879, married Reuben Lester on 1 November 1916. They had one child, Ermina Lester. Addie may have had a second marriage.

The eighth and last of Charles and Harriett Olin Whipple's children, Mabel Shofford Whipple, was born 9 May 1880 and married Harry Denison on 3 January 1905.

JANE ELIZABETH OLIN (6)

The fourth child of Jeffrey and Betsey Wilcox Olin was Jane Elizabeth Olin, born 28 January 1850, who married Nathan Crouch on 29 November 1870. Jane Olin Crouch died 25 April 1914. Daniel and Jane Crouch had two children, Alice Gertrude and Jane Elizabeth.

MARTHA C. OLIN (6)

Martha C. Olin was born 12 March 1852 and died in February 1875 when she was only 23 years old. She was married to John Crouch Chapman, with no record of any issue before her death. When Martha Olin was 14, she was admitted to the Hebron/Gilead First Congregational Church on 2 September 1866 and, later, became a member of the Baptist Church in Andover, Tolland County, Connecticut. Her marriage to John Crouch Chapman probably took place in Andover about 1873.

ISABELLE OLIN (6)

Isabelle Olin, born 18 May 1855, married John Crouch Chapman, the widower husband of her sister, Martha, in late 1875. They had one child, Isabel Chapman, who married Willard Clark. Meanwhile, Isabelle Olin Chapman died 31 August 1876, right after the birth of her daughter.

PHEBE ESTHER OLIN (6)

Phebe Olin, born 19 January 1863, was admitted to the Hebron/ Gilead First Congregational Church on 1 July 1877, when she was 14 years old. She married Daniel Watrous in Hebron, and they had four children: Ethel Watrous; Daniel Watrous, Jr.; Elmer Watrous; and Elsie Watrous. Daniel Watrous, Sr. died about 1895, leaving Phebe with the four children. Phebe Olin Watrous married a second time to once again widower John Crouch Chapman. His marriage to Phebe was his third, and all three were Olin sisters. Phebe and John Chapman

moved from the Hebron/Gilead area, as indicated by a letter of dismissal, 14 June 1896, from the First Congregational Church. Phebe Olin Watrous Chapman lived to be 72 years old, dying on 28 November 1935.

A letter dated 1945 to George O. Olin from Clayton P. Olin in New Hampshire reads in part:

> "Another curiosity, a John Chapman and his first wife died; then he married Martha Olin, she died; then he married Isabelle Olin, she died; then he married Phebe Olin. These three Olins were sisters. Can you beat that? No children by any of them."

The three Olin sisters were the youngest daughters of Jeffrey and Betsey Olin. They did, indeed, marry the same man and had no children by him, except for Isabelle, who had a daughter, Isabel, by John Crouch Chapman. The Olins, Crouches, and Chapmans appear to have been more than neighborly.

GILES OLIN (6)

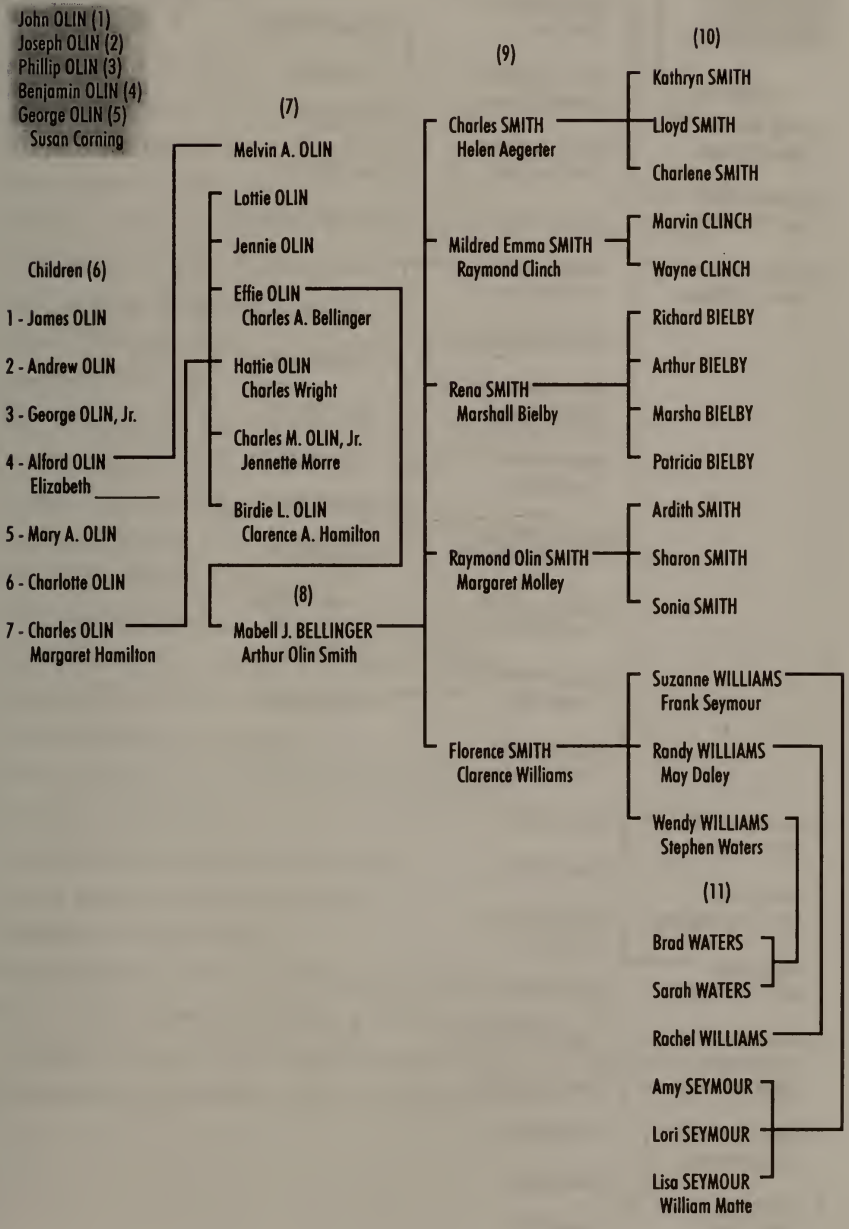
Giles H. Olin was born July 1857 and married Grace D. ?/Angwell about 1891. Grace was born in January 1872. The 1900 census listed a Mabel Angwell, 74 years old, as mother-in-law living in the Giles Olin home. Therefore, Grace's maiden name may have been Angwell. She and Giles has two children: Henry S. Olin, born February 1893, and Jane M. Olin, born August 1896.

HERBERT OLIN (6)

Herbert Olin married Clara M. Wells on 24 November 1885.

In finalizing the information on hand for the Jeffrey and Betsey Wilcox Olin family, it appears that Jeffrey was born in Preston, 1814, the youngest son of Benjamin and Sally Bonn Olin. He lived in Groton, Bolton, Hebron, Gilead, and Andover, all situated in Connecticut. He was the son who remained in Connecticut while his brothers and sisters migrated to Oneida County, New York.

Jeffrey Olin died 20 February 1894, aged 80, and Betsey Olin died 5 February 1896, age 78; both are buried in the Andover Cemetery, Tolland County, Connecticut.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Joseph OLIN (2)
Phillip OLIN (3)
Benjamin OLIN (4)
George OLIN (5)
Susan Corning
Children (6)
1 - James OLIN
2 - Andrew OLIN
3 - George OLIN, Jr.
4 - Alford OLIN
Elizabeth _____
5 - Mary A. OLIN
6 - Charlotte OLIN
7 - Charles OLIN
Margaret Hamilton
(7)
Melvin A. OLIN
Lottie OLIN
Jennie OLIN
Effie OLIN
Charles A. Bellinger
Hattie OLIN
Charles Wright
Charles M. OLIN, Jr.
Jennette Morre
Birdie L. OLIN
Clarence A. Hamilton
(8)
Mabell J. BELLINGER
Arthur Olin Smith
(9)
Charles SMITH
Helen Aegerter
Mildred Emma SMITH
Raymond Clinch
Rena SMITH
Marshall Bielby
Raymond Olin SMITH
Margaret Molley
Florence SMITH
Clarence Williams
(10)
Kathryn SMITH
Lloyd SMITH
Charlene SMITH
Marvin CLINCH
Wayne CLINCH
Richard BIELBY
Arthur BIELBY
Marsha BIELBY
Patricia BIELBY
Ardith SMITH
Sharon SMITH
Sonia SMITH
Suzanne WILLIAMS
Frank Seymour
Randy WILLIAMS
May Daley
Wendy WILLIAMS
Stephen Waters
(11)
Brad WATERS
Sarah WATERS
Rachel WILLIAMS
Amy SEYMOUR
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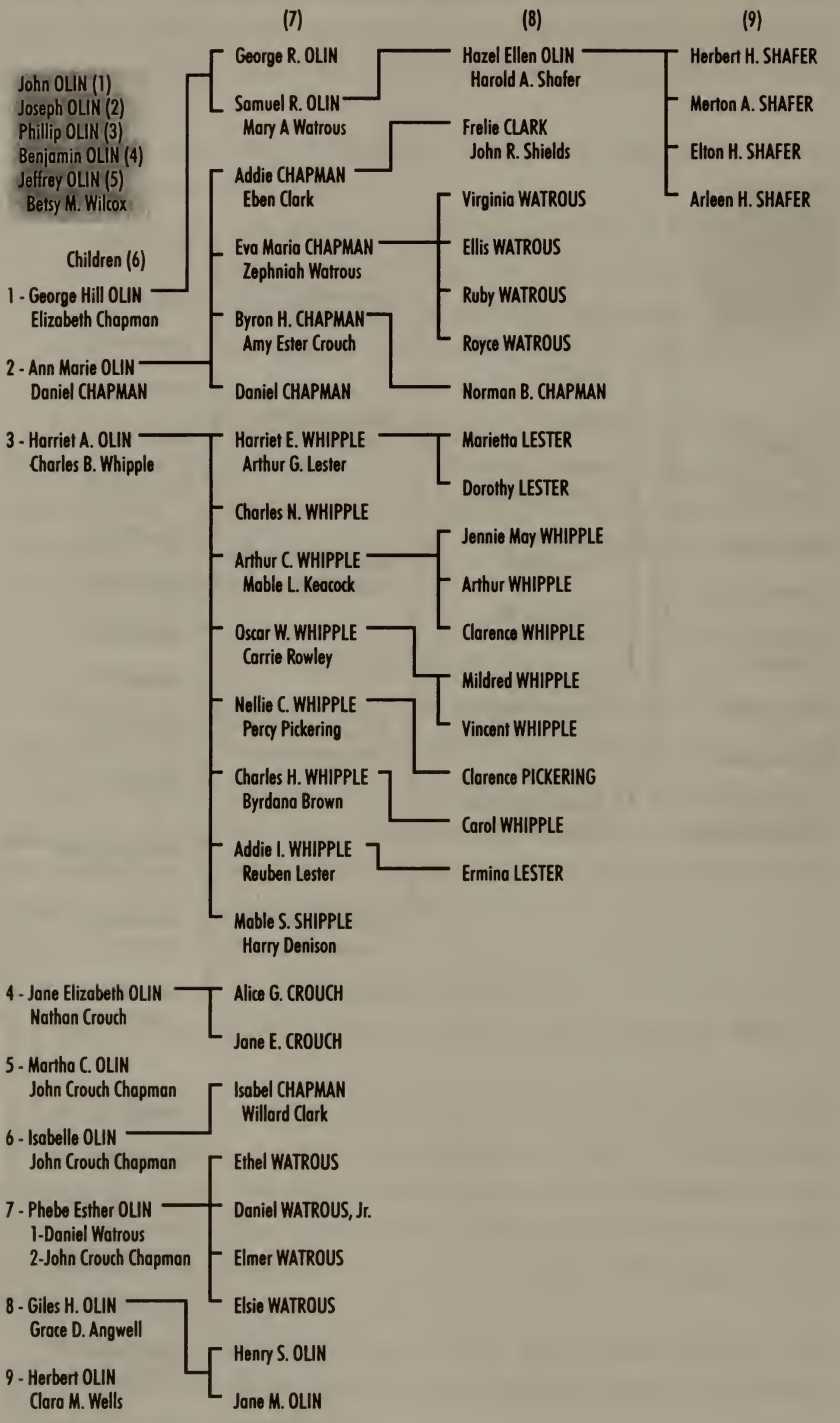

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PART V

John P. Olin (5) and Fanny Davis Family—New York to Kansas

Beneath the roots of tangled weeds,
Afar in country graveyards lie
The men with unrecorded deeds
Have stamped this nation's destiny.

We praise the present stock and man;
But have we ever thought to praise
The strong, still, humble lives that ran
The deep cut channels of those days.

Beneath these tottering slabs of slate
Whose tribute moss and mold efface,
Sleeps the calm dust that made us great,
The true substratum of our race!

Chapter 15

John P. (5) and Fanny Olin's Two Daughters and Seven Sons

JOHN P. OLIN (5)

Benjamin and Sally Bonn Olin's fourth child was John P. Olin, born 25 November 1802 in Preston, New London County, Connecticut. John suffered through his schooling in Preston to become a common laborer, working on neighboring farms.

His brothers (Benjamin, George, and William) and his sisters (Harriett and Sabra) announced their intentions to migrate to Oneida County, New York. John P. joined his five siblings in their westward travels. Many trips back to Preston became necessary during the early

years: closings on property transfers, accumulating cash and possessions, but most importantly to finalize their marriages. It made little difference where the spouses were from, Connecticut or New York, as long as a lifetime commitment was made. The atmosphere surrounding the family's move was filled with OLIN optimism for a happy and successful future.

John P. Olin married Fanny Davis, who was born 20 December 1806. Their marriage took place in either Oneida County, New York, or back in Preston, New London County, Connecticut, about 1828. John P. helped his siblings establish their homes before acquiring his own little farm. He made several property transactions in Oneida County. In 1847 he purchased fifty-four acres in the Town of Marcy, across the road from his brother William, paying $842.73 to Reuben Fox. He sold the same fifty-four acres to Gilbert Sanders in 1872, five years before he died.

In 1853 and 1856, respectively, John P. purchased a 1¼-acre lot with buildings in the village of Marcy and a one-acre lot in the village of Stittsville, selling both in 1859. In 1855, John P. had purchased other property in the village of Stittsville on which he agreed to build and support a good and lawful fence on the back side of the property. He sold it the following year rather than absorb the cost of the fence.

The marriage of John P. Olin and Fanny Davis resulted in their having nine children, seven boys and two girls: Sarah, born 1829; Andrew Jackson and Albert James (twins?), born 1831; George, born 1832; Mary L., born 1834; Delos, born 1835; John H., born 1836; Martin S., born 1840; and Peri, born 1847. The first four were born in Deerfield, the next four were born in Marcy, and the last (Peri) was born in Trenton, all in Oneida County, New York.

John P. Olin proved to be a small-time farmer, getting by just enough to support his family. He much preferred to be swapping stories with his cronies in the neighborhood stores. At times, his crops and animals were neglected until his boys became old enough to help. He had no desire to establish a vegetable garden and an orchard. Fanny wanted both. She tried her hand with a garden, but over the years the garden never seemed to flourish. Coaching by neighbors made no difference. In 1864, a leap year, Fanny acquired a Farmer's Almanac

and convinced John to work up a small plot. The almanac provided the moon's phases, times to plant above- and below-ground crops, and the use of fertilizer and lime. Fertilizer was expensive, so Fanny had her boys clean the hog pens and spread the manure on her garden while she added her accumulated pile of wood ashes in place of lime. Whether it was the almanac or the added soil nutrients, her garden became the talk of the town. Her basic produce of potatoes, corn, beans, cucumbers, peas, turnips, and cabbage were envied by her neighbors. Even John P. had to acknowledge her success. The following year, in addition to her garden, Fanny began to work on a small orchard that included apples, pears, quince, and plums.

The twenty-page 1864 *Farmer's Almanac* also included poems, jokes, farming hints, and family recipes. Fanny Davis Olin's favorite poem taken from this almanac would seem to go on for hundreds of years:

ONE HUNDRED YEARS TO COME

Who'll press for gold this crowded street,
A hundred years to come?
Who'll tread yon church with willing feet,
A hundred years to come?
Pale, trembling age, and fiery youth,
And childhood with his brow of truth,
The rich and poor, on land, on sea,
Where will the mighty millions be
A hundred years to come?

We all within our graves shall sleep,
A hundred years to come;
No living soul for us will weep,
A hundred years to come;
But other men our land will till,
And others then our streets will fill,
And other words will sing as gay,
And bright the sunshine as to-day,
A hundred years to come.

John P. Olin and his family were not dedicated to religion, but they could attend either the Presbyterian or Baptist Church, both about 3½ miles away. For the most part, their children attended #2 school on Fox Road in the Town of Marcy.

Fanny Olin died 20 November 1870 and was buried in the Baker/Browning Cemetery in the Town of Marcy. John P. Olin died 5 February 1877 and was also buried in the Baker/Browning Cemetery. Their son, Martin, was named Administrator for his father's estate, of which sons Martin, Albert James, and Delos, daughter Mary Potter; and daughter Sarah Baker's sons received one-sixth share.

John P. and Fanny Olin's family were very fortunate to escape the Asiatic Flu that struck the City of Utica and surrounding areas in 1832. One-third of Utica's population (approximately 9,000 people) fled to the country. The epidemic lasted two months. The suspected cause was a particular canal boat. Preventative measures and quarantines failed.

As mentioned earlier, John P. and Fanny Davis Olin did not profess any particular religion. They were honorable, right-minded, good-hearted, and impartial people who respected the religious views of others. Most of their years in Oneida County, the Olin family could have attended either the Baptist Church or the Presbyterian Church (later known as the Congregational Church) near where they lived. As John P. and Fanny aged into their sixties, they missed their children and began thinking about their chances for admittance to heaven.

In 1869, the Methodists of Utica, Rome, and Herkimer districts consolidated their summer Camp Meetings on a 33-acre plot between Trenton and Poland, along the Cincinnati Creek. Many people arrived days ahead of the event, which was widely advertised throughout the state. John P. and Fanny Olin were caught up in the excitement, arriving on the grounds at seven a.m. They attended all the preaching services before returning home. Their interest in the word of God became more noticeable as they became older.

SARAH OLIN (6)

The first-born child of John P. Olin and Fanny Davis Olin, Sarah Olin, was born in 1829 in Deerfield, Oneida County, New York. Sarah

married Augustus Baker, a local farmer, in the Town of Marcy in 1844 when she was about 15 years old. Augustus and Sarah had two surviving sons, Smith Baker and George T. Baker.

The 27-year-old Sarah Olin Baker died 8 September 1856 and was buried in the Baker/Browning Cemetery, Town of Marcy. Augustus Baker married again, to Harriett Pooler. Both Augustus and Harriett were buried in the Carr Cemetery.

Upon the death of John P. Olin, his estate awarded one-half of one-sixth share, or $175.72, to each of his two grandsons, Smith and George T. Baker.

ALBERT JAMES OLIN (6)

The first sons, twins Albert James Olin and Andrew Jackson Olin, born to John P. Olin and Fanny Davis Olin, were born 16 April 1831 in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County, New York. Albert J. Olin married Emma G. Allen on 20 October 1892. They had two sons, James and Nathan, who died as infants. Albert J. and Emma Olin had residences in the Towns of Marcy, Rome, and Trenton, in Oneida County, before moving out west to Canon City, Colorado.

When his father, John P. Olin, died in 1877, the estate distributed $351.44, one-sixth of the total settlement, to James Olin, a son, known as Albert James. Both he and his twin were often referred to as "A-J." Albert J. Olin died 10 March 1926 in Canon City, Colorado.

ANDREW JACKSON OLIN (6)

John P. (5) and Fanny Olin's third child and second son was Andrew Jackson Olin, who married Hannah Strader and settled in Kansas. His descendants are portrayed in Chapter 16. A couple of family members believed that Andrew J. and Albert J. were twins, but this is unsupported.

GEORGE OLIN (6)

John P. and Fanny Davis Olin's fourth child, George Olin, was born in July 1832 in Deerfield. George married Frances Brownlee and had a daughter, Alice Olin, born in 1867, who married Lawrence Armstrong in 1885. They, in turn, had a daughter, Erma Armstrong,

born 1900 in Alexis, Warren County, Illinois. Erma became married to _____ McGaffin.

MARY L. OLIN (6)

The second of two daughters and the fifth child born to John P. and Fanny Olin was Mary L. Olin, born 20 October 1834 in Marcy, Oneida County. She married Charles Clarke Potter and they had three children: Frank J.; Charles Edwin; and Estella Jane Potter. This Potter family moved to Perry and Jefferson on the Raccoon River a few miles northwest of De Moine, Iowa. Mary Olin Potter was buried in the Violet Hill Cemetery, Perry, Iowa.

Frank J. Potter married Jenny Blanche Bolender in Iowa and they had seven children: Lora; Lela Fred, Louis, died an infant; Charles; and twins, Frank H. and Francis. Clarke Edwin Potter married Isabella Eveline and they had five children: Lena; Clyde; Herman; James; and Leta Potter. Estella Jane Potter, born 31 March 1859, married Samuel Utter Roush, 24 March 1878 in Dallas, Iowa. Roush was born 24 October 1845 in Ohio. The Roush's had a son, Ralph John Roush.

DELOS OLIN (6)

John P. and Fanny Olin's sixth child, Delos Olin, was born ca 1835 in the Town of Marcy. He was married to Mary E. _____, who was born ca 1861 in the United States. There may have been an earlier marriage, simply because of the 30-year difference in their ages. Delos Olin had a son named Clifford Olin.

The Delos Olin family was still living in Stittsville, Oneida County, New York, in 1884. They apparently moved to Waverly, Tioga County, New York. Later, on 27 January 1922, Delos Olin was admitted to the Tioga County Poor House where he resided for 22 weeks and a day before his death on 3 December 1922. He died in Owego, Tioga County, New York, from chronic rheumatism.

Mary E. Olin was admitted to the Tioga County Poor House on 6 January 1924 and died the next day. Cause of death was "senile debility." It is believed that Delos and Mary Olin were buried in the Poor House Cemetery. The cemetery was destroyed in the 1970s and had very few records of the burials.

When Delos and Mary Olin moved to Waverly, they lost all contact with their families in Oneida County. Delos's brother, Martin, asked in one of his letters to his son, George, in 1927, if Delos were still living. Delos had died in 1922.

Delos Olin, not overly ambitious, took advantage of others and situations. For example: It was common practice in most general stores during the turn of the century to have a covered container of pipe tobacco handy on the counter. When elderly male customers came into the store, they would fill their pipes from this container, pull up a chair next to the stove, light their pipes, and join in the political or gossip conversation. It is said that Delos took advantage of the store proprietor by casually removing a plug from the bottom of his pipe before filling it. Tobacco passed through his pipe to the palm of his hand and, then, naturally drifted to his pocket where he already had a stash, enough for a couple of days. If he got caught, he simply went to another general store.

JOHN H. OLIN (6)

The seventh child of John P. and Fanny Olin was John H. Olin, born 28 February 1836 in Marcy, Oneida County, New York. He left his Marcy home at age 23 to seek his fortune in the upper Midwestern states. He had no money and worked wherever he could. The news when John left was that a fellow named Edwin L. Drake had struck commercial oil in Titusville, Pennsylvania, and that the threat of a war between the northern and southern states had become reality when John Brown seized the United States Armory in Harpers Ferry, Virginia.

When the north lost control of Fort Sumter, South Carolina, in 1861, it signaled the beginning of the Civil War. John H. Olin married Mary N. Leach in Spring Prairie, Walworth, County, Wisconsin, in 1861. The Leach family had migrated from Eaton, Madison County, New York, to Illinois and on to Wisconsin.

An Olin family Bible refers to three children for John H. and Mary Olin: Fannie C. Olin, who married _____ Bennett and lived in Quincy, Minnesota; Rolla J. Olin of St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota; and Wallace V. Olin of Stewartsville, Olmsted County,

Minnesota. It is assumed that the three children were born in Spring Prairie, Wisconsin, before the Olin family moved to Quincy Township, Minnesota, in 1865 when the Civil War ended. John H. farmed for 25 years before moving again in 1890 to Dover, Olmsted County, Minnesota, where he sold farm machinery.

John H. Olin died 15 October 1909 in his Dover home. His death was attributed to years of asthma attacks. His wife, Mary, and their three children were alive at the time of his death. Their son, Wallace V. Olin, apparently was married, having brought a daughter to her grandfather's funeral.

MARTIN S. OLIN (6)

John P. (5) and Fanny Olin's eighth child was Martin S. Olin, who married Jane D. Brown. They lived their years in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County, New York, where they had 14 children. The story of Martin and his descendants is documented in Chapter 17.

PERI D. OLIN (6)

John P. and Fanny Olin's ninth child, Peri D. Olin, was born ca 1847 in the Town of Trenton, Oneida County, New York. He was listed in his father's will of 1877 as a son to share in one-sixth of the estate. Searches for his existence have been discouraging. Some family members believe Peri may have been called "Levi" at times.

Finally, some family members insist that John P. and Fanny Olin had ten children. Perhaps one died at birth and never was recorded.

Chapter 16

Andrew Jackson Olin (6) and Hannah Strader Family

ANDREW JACKSON OLIN (6)

The third child born to John P. and Fanny Davis Olin was Andrew Jackson Olin, born 16 April 1831 in Marcy, Oneida County, New York. His given names, Andrew Jackson, undoubtedly a custom of the times, were in honor of the nation's military hero and seventh president, Andrew Jackson.

Once Andrew completed the required schooling and began working full time on his father's farm, he became bored with the slow-paced life in Oneida County. He was enamored with promotions of cheap land and opportunities in the West, but his commitment and dedication to the family kept him from seeking adventurous travel. Perhaps bashfulness and pressures from the opposite sex provided the impetus for him, at age 26 in 1857, to leave Marcy, New York, for Illinois.

Sometime during 1857, in Illinois, Andrew Jackson Olin was baptized by Elder John Strader and became a member of the Christian Church. During the year or so that Andrew lived in Illinois, he became good friends with the Strader family and their 17 year old daughter, Hannah.

In 1858, both Andrew J. Olin and the Strader family were living in Iowa. Apparently Andrew had mastered his shyness and married Hannah Strader on 28 April 1859 in Adel, Dallas County, Iowa. Her father, Elder John Strader, officiated at the church marriage of the couple. Hannah's mother, Winnie, was in attendance. Hannah Strader was born 23 June 1839 in Shelby County, Indiana.

Andrew J. and Hannah Olin struggled 26 years on a farm in Adel, Iowa, where they were blessed by the births of eight children. Their happy family was plagued by grief and sorrow. Their first two children, John Francis Olin and an infant daughter, and their last two children,

Calvin Earl Olin and Luther Floyd Olin, died before they were six years old. Andrew and Hannah's surviving four children were Margaret Alice Olin, Franklin Andrew Olin, Albert Clyde Olin, and Kelly Delos Olin.

Andrew Jackson Olin and Hannah Strader Olin, 1901

Andrew Jackson and Hannah Olin's family pose for the photographer, 1901.

Back row, left to right: Franklin Andrew Olin, Hiram Jewett, Kelly Delos Olin, Emma Allen Olin and Albert Clyde Olin.
Middle Row, left to right: Alice Olin Jewett, Andrew Jackson Olin, Daisy Bell Jewett, Wilbur Roy Jewett.
Front Row, left to right: Edna Fern Jewett, Claud Cecil Olin, Clyde Earl Olin and Mima Jane Copeland Olin.

Photos courtesy of Genevieve Roberts Olin

In 1864, Andrew Jackson Olin responded to his nation's call for help. He joined the Union Army (sometimes referred to as the Federal

Army). His enlistment in the I Company of the 4th Iowa Engineers involved three years. After nine months of bloody and senseless destruction with General Sherman on his notorious march across the South, the Union Army reached the Atlantic coast, and 34-year-old Andrew was allowed to return home to Iowa. He was greeted by a jubilant Hanna, a two-year-old daughter, Alice, and a new son, Franklin Andrew.

In 1885, Andrew and Hannah left their farm in Iowa, moving on to Kansas, finally settling nine years later in Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas. In 1894, Andrew and Hannah Olin moved from the farm into the village of Winfield. On their first Sunday in their new home, they attended and took membership with the Christian Church of Winfield. Andrew suffered from a breathing problem, but he did not let it deter his love for the Lord's work. After nearly 17 years of retirement from the rigors of farming, Andrew's health problem was worsening. He had heard of the helpful benefits of breathing the clean, crisp air in the area around Manitou Springs, about 20 miles from Pike's Peak in the Rockies.

Two months before Andrew's death, he and Hannah, accompanied by their son Franklin, went to the mountains of Colorado. He died 25 August 1911 at Manitou Springs, El Paso County, Colorado. His body was brought back to Kansas and buried in the Union Cemetery in Winfield. Hanna Strader Olin died 12 years later, 24 December 1923, in Winfield, where she was laid to rest next to her husband of 52 years.

JOHN FRANCIS OLIN (7)

Andrew and Hannah Olin's first child, a son, John Francis Olin, born 25 February 1860, lived only 1½ years, dying 5 September 1861. It is believed that John Francis was buried in the Garoutte Cemetery located in Washington Township of Dallas County, Iowa.

INFANT DAUGHTER OLIN (7)

Andrew and Hannah Olin's second child, an unnamed daughter, born in August 1861, died on 24 August 1861, twelve days before her

brother, John Francis Olin, died. She also was interred in the Garoutte Cemetery.

MARGARET ALICE OLIN (7)

Andrew and Hannah Olin's third child, Margaret Alice Olin, their oldest surviving child, was born 9 August 1862 in Adel, Dallas County, Iowa. On New Years Day, 1 January 1882, at the tender age of 19, Mary Alice Olin exchanged marriage vows at a ceremony held in the Dallas Center in Dallas County. Alice Olin, preferring the Alice name over Margaret, became the wife of Hiram Uriah Jewett.

Hiram Jewett, a native of Jones County, Iowa, which today happens to have a village named OLIN, was born 28 November 1857, the only son of Abel and Mary Williams Jewett.

On 4 March 1885, Hiram and Alice Jewett moved to Cowley County, Kansas, and established their new home on a farm five miles north of Winfield. The Jewetts had four children: Daisy Belle; Wilbur Roy, who later made his home in Enid, Oklahoma; Eva May; and Edna Fern.

Margaret Alice Jewett died on 2 January 1908, when she was only 36 years old. Hiram Jewett died on 11 April 1939.

DAISY BELLE JEWETT (8)

Hiram and Alice Jewett's first child, Daisy Belle Jewett, was born in Adel, Dallas County, Iowa, on 22 May 1884. After a few years, this family relocated to Cowley County, Kansas, where Daisy married Lawrance E. Marston on 26 May 1907 in Winfield, Kansas. Lawrance and Daisy Marston moved to Chanute County, Kansas, in 1916 and then on to Tulsa County, Oklahoma, in 1926.

Lawrance and Daisy Marston had six children: Delmar; Leota, who married a Mr. Duncan; Lee; Curtis; Florine/Florence, who married a Mr. Carlton; and Lorena. Daisy Belle Jewett Marston died 25 October 1937. Services were held in the Red Park Christian Church, and burial was in the Red Park Cemetery in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

FRANKLIN ANDREW OLIN (7)

The oldest of three surviving sons born to Andrew Jackson and Hanna Strader Olin was Franklin Andrew Olin, born 6 October 1864 in Adel, Dallas County, Iowa. From 1890 through 1920, Franklin Andrew Olin plied his carpenter trade. He lived and worked at building houses with his uncle, Calvin Strader, who was the brother of his mother, Hannah Strader. Later, the carpenter crew included Franklin's two brothers, Albert ("Bert") and Kelly Delos Olin.

Franklin's first marriage has not been proven, although he had a son, Frank E. Olin, born 22 February 1897 in Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio. On 2 August 1911, at age 47, he married Anna Kellems. Just 23 days after their wedding day, Franklin's father died. Franklin had accompanied his parents to Manitou, El Paso County, Colorado, in hopes of finding relief for his father, Andrew Jackson Olin, who had been suffering with ill health for some time.

Franklin and Anna Olin made their home in Colorado where he retired from the carpenter trade. Franklin Olin died 3 June 1926 and was buried in Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado.

FRANK E. OLIN (8)

Franklin's son and Anna's stepson, Frank E. Olin, married Leona J. Benedict on 17 November 1930. Leona J. Benedict was born 14 June 1906 in Warren, Ohio, and was the widow of an aviator who crashed and died. Frank and Leona Olin had a set of twins, born 28 May 1941: Ray Neil Olin died 31 May 1941 while Rex Gene Olin survived.

ALBERT CLYDE OLIN (7)

The second surviving son of Andrew and Hannah Olin, Albert Clyde Olin, born 26 September 1866, in Adel, Iowa, married Emma G. Allen on 20 October 1892. They had no children. Albert preferred to be called "Bert" by his family and friends. Bert worked most of his adult life as a carpenter alongside his two brothers, Franklin and Kelly Delos, and his uncle, Calvin Strader, building houses in the area between Winfield, Kansas, and Perry, Oklahoma.

Bert and Emma Olin left their Perry, Oklahoma, home to live their remaining years in Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado, where Emma died 13 August 1923 and Bert died 10 March 1926. Both were returned from Colorado to be buried near Perry, Oklahoma.

KELLY DELOS OLIN (7)

Andrew and Hannah Olin's youngest surviving son, Kelly Delos Olin, born 4 September 1868 in Adel, Iowa, was married first to Mima Jane Copeland. Mima Jane was born 6 October 1866 in Shelby County, Indiana, the same place where Hannah Strader was born. The Reverend W.S. Payne performed the marriage ceremony for Kelly Delos Olin and Mima Jane Copeland on 28 December 1892 in Cowley County, Kansas. Mima Jane affectionately called her husband, Kelly Delos, "Los."

Kelly Delos was also a carpenter by trade, having a natural ability to fabricate cabinets, stairs, or other intricate works of wood. He was the youngest of three brothers who worked building houses with their uncle, Calvin Strader.

Kelly Delos's hobby was taxidermy. He understood and performed the art of preparing, embalming, stuffing, and mounting fish, fowl,

Kelly Delos Olin, son of Andrew Jackson Olin, with his wife, Mima J. Copeland Olin.

Photo courtesy of Genevieve Roberts Olin.

and animal skins such that they appeared lifelike.

Kelly Delos and Mima Jane Olin had two sons: Claude Cecil Olin, born 16 April 1895 in Peckham, Kay County, Oklahoma; and Clyde Earl Olin, born 23 March 1903 in Peckham. This Olin family lived in Peckham, Oklahoma; Antlers, Oklahoma; Fort Smith, Kansas; and Boynton, Oklahoma.

Mima Jane Copeland Olin died 31 October 1921, at the age of 55, in Boynton, Muskogee County, Oklahoma, and was buried in the

Claude Cecil Olin and his brother, Clyde Earl Olin, 1901

Claude Cecil Olin displays his uniform and rifle soon after his Army enlistment, World War I, 1917.

Bottom: Clyde Earl Olin, Wagoner in the 7th U.S. Engineers, WWI, European Theatre, 1918.

Photos courtesy of Genevieve Roberts Olin

Boynton Cemetery. Kelly Delos Olin married again, 6 September 1922, this time to Daisy Daphene Lindley, who died 21 September 1943. Kelly Delos Olin died 7 December 1946, exactly five years after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. His death occurred in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas, and he was buried next to his second wife, Daisy Lindley, in the Winfield Union Cemetery, Cowley County, Kansas.

CLAUDE CECIL OLIN (8)

Kelly Delos Olin and Mima Jane Copeland's first son, Claude Cecil Olin was born 16 April 1895 in the town of Peckham, Kay County, Oklahoma. His birth was significant to the Olin family, because Claude was born on his grandfather's, Andrew Jackson Olin's, 64th birthday. Claude joined the U.S. Army on 23 September 1917 as

Wife and Husband —Martha Inez Sheets Olin and Claude Cecil Olin, 1956

Photo courtesy of Genevieve Roberts Olin.

a wagoner and was assigned to the 7th Regiment, Engineers. After training in Fort Logan, Colorado, and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Claude was sent by ship (the "George Washington") to the European Theatre during World War I. Shortly after his return from the Great War, Claude Cecil Olin married Martha Inez Sheets. Their marriage took place on 18 August 1919 in Peckham, Kay County, Oklahoma, when the flu epidemic was lowering and women's skirts were rising. Martha Sheets, born 16 February 1897 in Blackwell, Kay County, Oklahoma, was the daughter of John Booker Sheets and Nancy Jane Harp.

Claude Cecil and Martha Inez Olin's three children, about 1933. Left to right: Delbert J. Olin, Norma Jane Olin, and Robert Loren Olin.

Photos courtesy of Genevieve Roberts Olin

The three children of Claude Cecil Olin and Martha Inez Sheets Olin pose together in 1948: Norma Jane Olin, age 18; Robert Loren Olin, age 24; and Delbert J. Olin, age 26.

Below: the three children of Claude Cecil and Martha Inez Sheets Olin reminisce at their July 1991 Olin kinfolk reunion in Kansas.

Norma Jane Olin

Robert Loren Olin

Delbert J. Olin

Claude and Martha Olin had three children: Delbert J. Olin, born 26 December 1922; Robert Loren Olin, born 16 September 1924; and Norma Jane Olin, born 1 March 1931.

Claude Cecil Olin died 4 November 1956 in the Veteran's Hospital at Wichita, Kansas, and Martha Inez Sheets Olin died 14 June 1974 in Upland, California. Both were buried in the White Chapel Memorial Gardens in Wichita, Kansas.

Genevieve I. Roberts Olin, wife of Claude's son, Robert Loren Olin, tells about some of the things she recalls while listening to her father-in-law.

"While overseas he delivered mail riding a motorcycle on the muddy roads. He became a movie theater's projectionist, complaining about splicing the films that seemed to always be breaking or getting burned spots from the intense heat of the projector. He had a large (5 × 7) bellows-type portrait camera which, fortunately, remains in the family. My father-in-law worked as an automobile mechanic for over twenty-seven years before retiring from Butts Buick in Wichita. In the early thirties he purchased a new auto, one that had a canvas-covered top. The family pet goat climbed on top and broke through the canvas. It was his first and last brand new car. Being a great mechanic, he was able to keep any used car in running condition.

"In the late winter months of 1947, Bob [Genevieve's husband] and I borrowed his Dad's car and drove from Wichita to Blackwell to pick up Bob's cousin. When we returned to Wichita's downtown area we heard a strange noise, the car came to a sudden halt because of a broken axle. So, we had to call "Dad" who had the car towed to the Butts Garage to be fixed."

DELBERT J. OLIN (9)

The first son born to Claude Cecil Olin and Martha Inez Sheets was Delbert J. Olin, born 26 December 1922 in Boynton, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. He and his brother, Robert, graduated from Wichita's North High School. "Del" married Louella Frances Hanks on 11 November 1945 in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

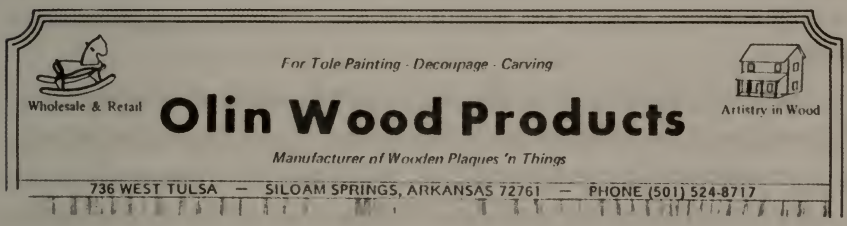
Delbert and Louella Olin had a daughter, Janice M. Olin, who married William W. Kendall. The Kendalls have three children: Kathy

Lynn, Karen Leigh, and Jeffrey Olin. Louella Hanks Olin died 12 July 1998.

ROBERT LOREN OLIN (9)

The second son born to Claude Cecil Olin and Martha Inez Sheets Olin, Robert Loren Olin, was born 16 September 1924 in Boynton, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. He graduated from North High School in Wichita, KS, and served with the Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II. About a year after his military discharge, he married Genevieve Irene Roberts. Genevieve, born 6 September 1924 in Burrton, Harvey County, Kansas, was the daughter of Ernest E. Roberts and Mildred L. Miller. Robert and Genevieve's wedding was officiated by the Rev. Ralph McLean, 17 December 1946, in the Westside Christian Church at Wichita.

Robert L. Olin sold automobiles for the Buick and Volkswagen dealer in Wichita, KS, before opening his own dealership in Great Bend, KS, about 75 miles northwest of Wichita. After a few years of long-distance commuting from Wichita to Great Bend, Robert sold out, moved his family to Columbia, Missouri, where he began rebuilding Volkswagens. He also began making wooden products for tole painters.



Robert L. Olin's business letterhead, used 1977 to 1991 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas

Courtesy of Genevieve Roberts Olin

When Robert and Genevieve Olin retired in May 1977, they opened a shop for woodcrafter's supplies. They were living in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and had named their business "OLIN WOOD PRODUCTS." The Olins owned and operated "SPEED-O-MATIC

SELF SERVICE LAUNDRY" and the "SPRING HARBOR CAMP GROUNDS AND RESORT" until he retired again in 1991. Siloam Springs, Benton County, Arkansas, is located north of the Boston Mountains in the extreme northwest corner of Arkansas, the headwaters of the Illinois River that feeds into the Arkansas River.

Robert Loren Olin died 2 March 1997, aged 72, in Siloam Springs and was buried in Westville, Oklahoma, about 20 miles south of the Springs.

Genevieve ("Genny") Roberts Olin has performed secretarial assignments, worked in florist shops, and (of course) shared as a business owner with her husband "Ole Bob." In a letter from Genny to this author, she claimed her association with the Olin family (by choice) for more than 50 years.

Robert and Genevieve had four children, all born in the St. Francis Hospital, Wichita, Kansas: Timothy Wayne Olin, Constance Irene Olin, Kenneth D. Olin, and William Loren Olin.

TIMOTHY WAYNE OLIN (10)

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt died in April 1945, Harry S. Truman, Vice President, was sworn in as President. Truman authorized the first use of the nuclear bomb to end World War II. He was reelected on his own merits to a term in 1948. Timothy W. Olin was born on 16 April 1948, the oldest son of Robert and Genevieve Olin.

A momentous occasion happened upon the birth of Timothy Olin. His mother Genevieve writes, "Claude, my father-in-law was born on his grandfather's birthday so when he learned that Bob and I were expecting a child in the spring of 1948 he made his prediction that it would be his first grandson and would arrive on his birthday just to carry on the tradition. That's right! Timothy Wayne Olin was born on his grandfather's and great great grandfather's birthday, the 16th of April."

Timothy, true to destiny, became a nuclear physicist during his service for the Medical branch of the U.S. Navy.

Timothy married Namie Ohgo in Tokyo, Japan, on 7 June 1971. She was born 2 April 1950 in Tokyo, daughter of Mikio Ohgo and

Shimako Oizuro. Namie was an office manager for Navy Computer Secretaries.

Timothy Olin has retired and lives in Red Bank, a suburb of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He and Namie have one child, a son, Mikio Robert Olin, born 12 December 1975 in Columbia, Boone County, Missouri.

CONSTANCE IRENE OLIN (10)

Constance Irene Olin, born 2 February 1951, in Wichita, Kansas, was the only daughter of Robert and Genevieve Olin. She trained to be a cosmetologist and lived her short life in at least five states: Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Her first marriage was to Jimmie Wayne Franklin. He was born 27 November 1947 in Mayview, Lafayette County, Missouri, the son of Virgil M. and Roberta Franklin. Jimmie had the natural ability to paint artistic signs for special events and businesses. The Franklin/Olin marriage took place on 26 May 1973, in Columbia, Missouri.

Jimmie and Constance Franklin had two children: Benjamin J. Franklin, born 16 September 1974 in Columbia, Missouri, and Jennifer Suzanne Franklin, born 21 September 1978 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. After this marriage ended, Constance was married briefly to Michael Edward Jennison and, later, there was a third marriage, to Kenneth Duane Cantrel.

On 23 October 1982 in Westville, Adair County, Oklahoma, a drunk/doped driver crossed the center line and hit Constance's vehicle head on. Constance, her eight-year-old Benjamin, her four-year-old Jennifer, and an unborn child of Kenneth Cantrel's were killed instantly. All four were buried in the Westville Cemetery.

Ironically, three years later, Jimmie Wayne Franklin, Constance Olin's first husband, died a violent death on 8 June 1985 when a motorist ran over him and his motorcycle. He was buried in Mayview, Lafayette County, Missouri.

Another birthday coincidence: young Benjamin J. Franklin and his grandfather, Robert L. Olin, were born on the 16th of September.

KENNETH D. OLIN (10)

Robert and Genevieve Olin's second son, Kenneth D. Olin, born 10 September 1953 in Wichita, Kansas, decided to join the U.S. Air Force. Twenty-one-year-old Kenneth married 21-year-old Cynthia Lou Bryson, born 6 February 1953 in Akron, Ohio, the daughter of Albert Marion Bryson and Jennie Mae McPherson. Kenneth and Cynthia were married on 6 July 1974 in the Presbyterian Church, Akron, Ohio.

Cynthia Lou accompanied her husband, Kenneth, throughout the United States and Pacific Air Force Bases. When questioned why they were assigned to over a dozen bases in his career, Kenneth answered, "Wherever Uncle Sam says."

Kenneth and Cynthia Olin had three children: Kristofer Loren Olin, born 31 March 1980 in Sumter, Sumter County, South Carolina; Austin Monroe Olin, born 1 November 1983 in El Toro, Orange County, California; and Farien Leigh Olin, born 11 April 1898 in Aurora, Arapaho County, Colorado. Major Kenneth Olin retired from the U.S. Air Force in may 1996.

WILLIAM LOREN OLIN (10)

The last child born to Robert and Genevieve Olin, William Loren Olin, was born 12 September 1954 in Wichita, Kansas. This was the same year that Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, resigned because of his implication in the Watergate scandal.

William married Marchell Chacon, born 1 January 1952 in Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska, the daughter of Miguel Chacon and Claudette Pyle. Their marriage took place in Dallas, Texas, on 31 October 1975. William has been employed as a truck driver and chauffeur in Dallas, and Marchell ("Mickey") was employed by the Spanish Inn Motel in nearby Mesquite, Texas.

NORMA JANE OLIN (9)

The only daughter of Claude Cecil and Martha Inez Sheets Olin, Norma Jane Olin, was born 1 March 1931 in Wichita, Kansas. She tells about her immediate family.

"During the summer between my junior and senior years in high

school, I ran a firecracker stand for a friend of my brother, Bob. It was there that I met my future husband, Forrest Dennis Fauchier. Mother and Dad had Bob come over to the firecracker stand to check out Denny, while his parents and sister walked by to check me out. Of course, I did not know them at that time. The initial checkout proved to be positive, and Denny and I were married 16 October 1949, shortly after I graduated from high school.

"We had two children: Stephen Dennis Fauchier and Janie Diane Fauchier. Janie was very sick when she was born and five different doctors failed to diagnose her problem. They suggested we move to California, which we did when Janie was only seven months old. Janie survived and married Ronald H. Derrick and had two children: Norma J. Derrick, who married Denny _____; and Matthew P. Derrick. Janie later discovered she had cystic fibrosis. She died on 6 April 1985.

"Denny and I moved from California in September of 1993 to Shell Knob, Missouri. We live on Table Rock Lake and enjoy the quieter, peaceful retirement life. Denny and I each have our own work shop: his for all kinds of projects, and mine is to make porcelain dolls and other craft projects."

STEPHEN DENNIS FAUCHIER (10)

Son of Forrest and Norma Jane Fauchier, Stephen/Steve Dennis Fauchier, married Terri Lee Benfield. They had one child, a daughter, Lynn Marie Fauchier, who married Robert Hurtado. Lynn and Robert have a son, Joshua Taylor Hurtado.

Steve Fauchier is a Lieutenant in the Orange County Sheriff's Department in California, looking forward to retirement. His wife, Terri, has retired from the First Interstate Bank and owns her own antique shop.

Norma Jane Olin Fauchier has presented her memories of her grandfather, Kelly Delos Olin; her father, Clyde Cecil Olin; and her siblings.

> "Here is just a few of the things that I can remember about my Grandfather Olin. As I recall he was not a very affectionate man. As a child I can remember going to

Winfield to see my Grandfather and Grandmother. Del, my brother Bob and myself would sit in the parlor and wait until we were told that we could go outside or read books, mostly we kept very still. Grandmother would get me a rag doll and doll bed to play with in the parlor. As I got older I got to know Grandpa a little better. When I was in Junior High School he came to live with us after Grandmother died. Grandpa and I would always have to play a game of dominos after our evening meal, then I could do my homework for school. We became very close in the few years he lived with us. He passed away a few days after he had a hernia operation.

"I know that one of the things that my Grandfather did as a profession was Taxidermy work. He came and stayed with us in Wichita when he was contracted to do some Taxidermy work for Friends University, Wichita, KS. His work is still on display there, along with a few small animals that my Father had done.

"Grandpa Olin liked to raise a garden, so when he came to live with us he put in a large garden. Also one year he raised broom corn and made brooms, which he sold a few. I still have a stick horse that he made while living with us. He made some to sell, it kept him busy. I guess you would say that he was a jack of all trades.

" I don't remember too much about Grandma Olin (Daisy was Grandpa's second wife, the only Grandmother I knew). As I recall she was a stern lady.

"As far as how my parents met, I always thought they grew up together, but Delbert thinks they met in school. In the letters that Dad (Claude Cecil Olin) wrote to his Mother during the war, he doesn't mention Mother. He does mention a Inez Perry. Dad and my Mother's brother, Floyd Sheets, were in the service together, not in the same unit, but they did see each other once in awhile in Europe. Dad's group helped move Uncle Floyd's group and they rode together in Dad's truck. Mother was teaching school when she and Dad got married. Mother had to quit teaching because they could

not be married and teach back in those days.

"I do remember that while living on South Wichita Street that there was a man (I thought he was old) that raised horseradishes and ground them up to make Horseradish Sauce. The neighborhood children would go to watch him and come out with our eyes burning something terrible. When I was five or six years of age, Mother and Dad bought this two-and-a-half-acre small farm with a big two story house and a cherry orchard. My two brothers would hoe and weed the garden that Dad planted. None of us children liked to pick cherries, but we did, as the folks sold them by the crate. I remember one time I hid myself between two stacks of crated cherries, and ate too many of them and got the hives so bad I swelled up all over. Mother said, "That's what you get for not picking cherries like you should have been." Dad took the cherry trees out and planted raspberry bushes. I didn't like to pick them any better than the cherries.

"My brother Bob was always a tease, at least he teased me a lot. My brother Delbert was more serious. The boys were very close in age, only 22 months difference in their ages. Then I came along nine years after Delbert. The boys always thought I was spoiled. Of course I didn't. They helped spoil me though. Delbert liked to read a lot. He was like my Father, always reading anything he could get a hold of. Delbert would take bread and peanut butter up to his room and read stacks of books. Bob was more interested in doing things with the animals. He had a horse at one time, named Diamond. Bob and Del grew up together while I was too small to really know what they were doing. Delbert bought me my first new bicycle, and Bob a new rifle, and Mother and Dad a new cook stove, the first Christmas after he got his first good paying job. On Fridays when he got paid, he would always bring me something home from town. One time he brought me a pair of white baby rabbits. Dad wasn't too happy, as he had to build rabbit pens. We didn't keep the rabbits very long.

"Both of my brothers enlisted soon after they were out of High School. Delbert went into the Army, and soon after, Bob joined the Marine Corps. That was a very hard time for my parents. Mother did a lot of crying. I can understand now why she did, since I have children of my own. Both of the boys served overseas, Delbert in Europe (Battle of the Bulge) and Bob in the South Pacific. What a stressful time that was for all of us. I can remember the food rationing, and Mother saving stamps for certain things she needed, (I found a book of ration stamps in Mother's things). I can also remember taking two eggs to the drug store and turning them in along with my nickel to get an ice cream cone. As I recall most everything was rationed during the war. Since there were no silk stockings to buy, women and girls painted their legs with leg makeup and drew a line down the back of their leg for the seam.

"During World War II was the only time that I can remember my Father not working as a mechanic at Butts Buick in Wichita. He decided that he should do something toward the War effort, so he went to work at Beach Air Craft. He couldn't stand the type of work he was doing, so he went back to Butts Buick.

"When my brothers left for the service, I was in the sixth grade, and when they came home, I was driving my Dad's car, which they didn't think was right, their little sister driving a car. Delbert got married a few days after he got home from the Army. Before he left he had met a girl in Tulsa Oklahoma by the name of Louella Hanks. Delbert had gone to Tulsa to work for an Optical Company, and was living with our Aunt and Uncle. He met Louella at church, so they had known each other for awhile. Mother had invited Louella to come to Wichita and go with us to meet Delbert when he came home. Without the folks knowing it, he had asked Louella to get married. So they got married at our house just a few days after he got home from the Army. Our cousin Merle Ann Sheets was in nurse's training (I think in Kansas City)

and came to visit that week-end. Boy, did Mother ever put Merle Ann and me to work. Louella invited her brother and wife to the wedding. Merle Ann and I helped fix the food for the dinner, decorated the house, and were part of the wedding party.

"When Bob got home from the Marines, he lived at home for awhile. He dated some girls, and would wake me up when he got home to talk. He met Genevieve Roberts, and they were married on December 17, 1946, the same day and hour that Delbert's daughter Janice Margaret was born. Mother was really nervous with their first grandchild being born and her son getting married."

CLYDE EARL OLIN (8)

Clyde Earl Olin was the second son of two born to Kelly Delos Olin and Mima Jane Copeland in Kay County, Oklahoma. He was born on 23 March 1901. Clyde worked as a mechanic for many years in Edmund, Oklahoma. He married "Virgie" _____ and had one child, Eugene Olin, who married a woman with one or more children.

Eugene and his family are believed to be living in the Oklahoma area.

Clyde Earl Olin died 27 August 1963 in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Chapter 17

Martin S. Olin (6) and Jane D. Brown Family

MARTIN S. OLIN (6)

Undoubtedly the most prolific of John P. and Fanny Davis Olin's children, Martin S. Olin was born 9 October 1840 in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County, New York. Martin married Jane Deliah Brown, born 8 October 1843, the daughter of Henry Brown and Mariah Rhines. Martin and Jane were married 7 September 1859 in the Town of Floyd, Oneida County, New York.

Martin and Jane had two children, Maria F. Olin and William W. Olin, before he answered President Lincoln's plea for more men to serve in the Union Army. Martin enlisted at Utica, served as a private in Company G, 146th Infantry for three years, and returned home on 8 June 1865 from Raleigh, North Carolina. Twenty-two-year-old Martin Olin's service record indicates his height at five foot nine inches, fair complexion, gray eyes, and brown hair, and his occupation, a farmer.

Martin and Jane Olin had two more children, Franklin A. Olin and Nathan Olin, before they increased their farming operation from 40 acres to 90 acres by leasing 50 acres in the Town of Floyd.

Two more children appeared, John Olin and James Olin, before 1 April 1875 when Martin signed a land contract with Frederick Hamlus for 40+ acres in the Village of Holland Patent, Oneida County. Martin moved his family from the Town of Floyd to the Town of Holland Patent, where he had a new house built. Eight more children were born in the new house in Holland Patent. They were Fannie M. Olin; twins Mary and unnamed infant Olin; Jennie Olin; twins, Nellie Olin and Elmer Olin; George Olin; and Henry Brown Olin.

Martin became a full-time teamster, hauling freight to and from the canals and railroads. Oneida County served as the hub for the state canal system and private railroads. The original section of the

Erie Canal broke away from the Mohawk River to follow Wood's Creek to Oneida Lake. A one-mile portage was dug out to allow boats to pass through. The Erie Barge Canal, from Buffalo to Albany, was completed in 1825, just in time to accommodate the first Olins from Connecticut to Oneida County, New York. The Chenango Canal extended south from Utica to Binghamton, Broome County, New York. The Black River Canal ran north from Rome to Watertown on Lake Ontario.

Railroads gradually put the canals out of business. Travel on canals was very slow, hardly two miles per hour. Railroads were built along the same routes as the canals. By 1874, farmers had the capability of having their milk and by-products shipped to larger markets. Stittsville, in Oneida County, a hamlet of less than a hundred people, supported a milk station and a cannery on the Utica and Black River Railroad.

In 1877, Martin's father died leaving no will or widow, but he left five surviving children (actually there were more, but their whereabouts were unknown) and two motherless grandchildren. Martin Olin was appointed by the Court to administer the estate, which had a net worth of $2,312.79 to be split into one-sixth shares. Martin Olin hired his Uncle William Olin to dig the grave for John P. Olin in the Baker/ Browning Cemetery.

Martin Olin's wife, Jane Deliah Brown Olin, died 29 January 1903 at home in Holland Patent. She left property in Holland Patent to her daughter, Maria Olin Clemens, and the estate residual to be divided equally between a daughter, Mary Olin Stooks, and a son, George Olin.

In 1903, Nellie Mullen Smith, a widow from Ainsworth, Brown County, Nebraska, returned to Oneida County and married widower Martin Olin. His children were now all over 18 years old, which freed him from any further obligations. He and Nellie moved out west to the Town of Ainsworth, Nebraska, where Martin S. Olin died 1 May 1933. He and his second wife, Nellie, were buried side by side in the Ainsworth Cemetery, Brown County, Nebraska.

MARIA F. OLIN (7)

The first of 14 children born to Martin S. Olin and Jane D. Brown

was a daughter, Maria F. Olin. She was born 25 July 1860 in Floyd, Oneida County, New York. She married Chester B. Clemens on 25 November 1886.

Chester Clemens was a local character, always playing jokes on others. He looked comical, with tufts of red hair on his ears like a bobcat. He was clean shaven, except for a small goatee of red whiskers on his chin, and he was almost bald. Chester and Maria Clemens lived in Floyd, about five miles from the City of Rome. Chester Clemens drove his horse and buggy six days a week to work in Rome. After a few years working in a foundry, he worked in one of the railroad repair shops.

Maria Olin Clemens outlived her husband. She died 10 January 1951.

WILLIAM W. OLIN (7)

Martin S. and Jane Brown Olin's second child, William W. Olin, was born 9 January 1862 in Floyd, Oneida County, New York. He married Elizabeth May Tanney, informally known as "Lizzie," in January 1887. Lizzie was born 12 April 1872 in Boonville, Oneida County, New York, the daughter of Duane Tanney and Cecelia Griffin. The Olin/Tanney marriage produced a minimum of nine known children. When William W. Olin died on 22 September 1956, however, his obituary mentioned that he had about 14 children, 32 grandchildren, 63 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. He was 94 years old when he passed away. Lizzie had died earlier, 15 January 1928, in Martinsburg, Lewis County, New York, and was buried in a Boonville cemetery.

If William had 14 children, he was definitely a chip off the old block. His father Martin S. Olin, had 14 children also, but only nine of William's children have been truly identified by family members and limited records. The nine children, listed in alphabetical given name order, are: Blanche F. Olin, Duane C. Olin, Etta H. Olin, Gardiner Olin, Helen J. Olin, Jesse J. Olin, Maude Olin, Millard R. Olin, and Vernon Olin. A tenth child, Ethel Olin, has been tentatively identified.

Additional information is lacking on the children of William W.

Olin and Elizabeth May Tanney, except for two sons, Duane C. Olin and Millard R. Olin.

DUANE C. OLIN (8)

Duane C. Olin, son of William W. Olin and Elizabeth May Tanney, lived in Syracuse and Jordan, New York, and possibly in Gallatin, Tennessee. It's safe to say he had a marriage, because he did have three daughters: Kristin Rene Olin, Michele Olin, and Kolleen Olin.

Kristin Olin graduated from Elbridge High School in Jordan, New York, in 1988 and received her accounting degree from St. Bonaventure University in 1992. Kristin married Nicholas L. Caringi on 25 June 1994. She is employed as the accountant for the Methodist Church, North Central New York Conference, in Cicero, New York.

Nicholas L. Caringi is a graduate of Williamsport High School, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, class of 1986 and St. Bonaventure class of 1990. He taught in elementary schools before assuming the District Manager's position for auto parts stores in Liverpool, New York.

Michele Olin married Ken Lynch and resides in Syracuse, New York. They have at least two children, sons, Colin and Shawn Lynch.

MILLARD R. OLIN (8)

Fortunately, Norma Haskins, a family correspondent and descendant of Millard Olin, was able to bring this line up through the tenth generation.

Millard Reuben Olin was born 1 April 1905 in either Floyd or Rome, Oneida County, New York, to William W. Olin and Elizabeth May Tanney. He married Rose Morrison about 1925, and they made their home in Deansboro, NY. Millard and Rose, in turn, had at least two children: Norman Robert Olin and Joyce Olin, who married _____ Leaf.

Norman Robert Olin was born 25 November 1925 and married Vivian M. Goodspeed on 27 February 1959. They had a daughter, Norma Olin, born November 1959, who married _____ Haskins.

FRANKLIN A. OLIN (7)

The third child, Franklin Andrew Olin, was born 29 June 1866 in Floyd, Oneida County, New York, to Martin S. Olin and Jane D. Brown. Franklin had no trouble finding work in sawmills in upper New York State and the southern province of Ontario in Canada. He established himself as an expert in setting and filing circular saws in the mills. On one of his trips to Canada, Franklin met Minnie W. Keller and brought her back to Holland Patent where they were married about 1884. Minnie, the daughter of James Keller, was born 10 March 1865 in England and had relocated to Canada. Minnie, "a tiny little thing," died in 1935 and was buried in Holland Patent.

Franklin and Minnie had three sons, Raymond F. Olin, Leon J. Olin, and Frank Olin. Franklin and his sons bought, sold, and swapped several choice properties in Oneida and Onondaga Counties, New York, during 1918–1926.

After Minnie's death, Franklin lived with his son Leon in Oneida until Frank, another son, insisted that his father move to his home in Chicago. Franklin A. Olin died in Chicago in 1943, during World War II.

RAYMOND FRANKLIN OLIN (8)

Franklin and Minnie Olin's oldest son, Raymond F. Olin, born in May 1890 in Holland Patent, Oneida County, New York, left home when he was 19. Raymond's travels ended in Ainsworth, Brown County, Nebraska, where he learned the barber trade. He returned home to Oneida County to marry his childhood sweetheart, Charlotte (Lottie) L. Fuller, about 1912. Lottie and Ray had maintained correspondence, and she finally accepted Ray's proposal that included a move to Ainsworth, Nebraska.

Raymond and Lottie Olin had seven children born in Ainsworth: Merle, born 1914; Glenevieve, born 1916; Howard, born 1918; Natalie, born 1924; Hobart, born 1926; and twin boys, Raymond and Ralph, born 8 August 1928. Ralph did not survive infancy.

After a few years in Nebraska, The Raymond Olin family moved back to New York State, where Raymond set up his barber shop in several areas, including Camden, Richland, and New Berlin. He died in December 1980. Both Raymond and Lottie were

buried in the Camden Cemetery in New York State.

MERLE OLIN (9)

The first child born to Raymond and Lottie Olin, a daughter, Merle, was born 1 September 1914 in Ainsworth, Nebraska. She married Warren D. Cobb, who was nicknamed "Cobbie." He died 9 November 1966, and Merle died 25 March 1955, having lived in Central Square, New York, for 50 years.

Warren and Merle Cobb had two daughters, Panalyn (Penny) J. Cobb and Charlotte Mary Cobb. Panalyn married Kenneth Faulter, and they had two children: Kenneth Faulter, known as "Chip"; and Mary L. Faulter. Panalyn was born 2 October 1955 in Oswego County, NY. Charlotte Mary Cobb, born 28 November 1939 in Oswego, married Phillip Lord, son of Niles C. Lord and Grace Jennie Parker. Phillip and Mary Lord had a son, Scott Lord.

GLENEVIEVE M. OLIN (9)

The second daughter, Glenevieve Olin, born 30 June 1916, to Raymond F. and Lottie Olin, married first to William B. Andrews and second to William A. Carson. The Olin and Carson marriage produced a son, Terry Lee Carson, born 19 April 1957, who died 4 March 1970 at age 12.

The Olin & Andrews marriage resulted in one son, Jerry Andrews, who married Marion M. Bestor. Jerry and Marion Andrews have two children: Keath A. and Kimberly A. Keith Andrews married Robin Weeks and they have four children: Joshua, Jonathan, Javin and Jessica. Kimberly Andrews married John Jones and they have two children: Catlin M. and Jenny J. Jones.

William A. Carson died 3 November 1987 and Glenevieve Olin Andrews Carson died 10 November 1996. Both were buried in the Oswegatchie Cemetery, Star Lake, St. Lawrence County, New York.

HOWARD R. OLIN (9)

Raymond F. and Lottie Olin's third child, Howard R. Olin, born 20 January 1918, died 31 December 1985. He never married and was

a veteran of World War II. Howard died in Utica and was buried in New Berlin, New York.

NATALIE OLIN (9)

Raymond F. and Lottie Olin's fourth child was Natalie Olin, born 5 May 1924. She married Ivan Barkley, 1942, had no children and died 25 August 1995 in New Berlin, Chenango County, New York, where she had lived for most of her life. Ivan Barkley died 25 January and was buried beside his wife in the New Berlin Cemetery.

HOBART OLIN (9)

Hobart Olin, born 7 May 1926, the fifth child of Raymond F. and Lottie Fuller Olin, had two marriages. The first appears to be with Hazel. A son, David Michael Olin has been credited to the marriage. His second marriage was to Mary Dorsey Wales and they had no children.

Robert Olin served his country in the United States Navy and has lived many years in Norwich, Chenango County, New York, where he manages a retail store.

RAYMOND JUNIOR OLIN (9)

The sixth surviving child, Raymond Junior was a twin to his brother, Ralph, who died an infant. Raymond J. served in the United States Army and worked for General Electric where he retired in August 1988. He was born 8 August 1928 and married Delores Decker, 10 July 1954. Delores Decker was born 1930 in Lena, NY, daughter of Charles and Inez Decker. Raymond J. and Delores Olin had two children: David Raymond, born 6 September 1956, who married Dale Young, 16 November 1974; and, Susan Irene, born 8 September 1958, who married Gary Fenton in January 1982. David and Dale Olin have a son, Aaron David Olin, born 9 November 1976. Susan and Gary Fenton have a son, Patrick Steven Fenton, born 14 August 1982.

Raymond J. and Delores Decker Olin reside in Central Square, New York.

LEON JAMES OLIN (8)

The following information on the descendants of the Leon James Olin and Ruth V. Parsons marriage was submitted by his great grandson, Jeffrey J. Olin.

Leon James Olin was born July 26, 1892 in Holland Patent, Oneida County, New York. He was the son of Franklin Andrew Olin and Minnie Keller Olin. On October 25, 1913 he married Ruth Vernone Parsons in Camden, Oneida County, New York. Ruth was the daughter of William and Carrie Warner. She was born September 24, 1891 in Ligonier, Indiana.

Leon was a republican, Ruth a democrat, but they obviously were able to agree on some things. Together they had five children, all born in Oneida, Madison Co., NY: Arthur P., Robert J., Alberta J., Bruce H., and Beulah N.

The depression years were quite tough for Leon and Ruth's family. Leon worked for the county of Oneida until he was injured when a truck backed into him. He was laid off from his job. Had it not been for Ruth's income as a printer, a skill she learned in Camden, the family would have faced truly desperate times.

As it was Leon and Ruth found it difficult to provide for more than the bare necessities. They frequently weren't able to buy new clothes for the children, in fact, when a charitable neighbor bought young Alberta a new dress and a pair of shoes, it was all she had to wear every day that winter. Ruth would come home from work and wash the dress every night. In a time before welfare, the family relied somewhat on what was called "relief." One Christmas the Relief workers brought a box of food. In the box was a pork roast, potatoes, carrots and three oranges. After the three oranges were divided among the five children, Alberta recalls she took hers and "carried it around all day, just smellin' it."

The family's financial situation gradually improved after Leon was able to find work at the Oneida Limited silver factory. Ruth worked for the Oneida Daily Dispatch and later the Oneida Democratic Union. Working for the newspapers, Ruth was able to make sure that the name "Olin" was well known in Oneida. Anytime her children did anything of note, it was in the paper.

When Leon died on December 27, 1961, his funeral was the first time that many people saw him in a suit. Ruth regretted not burying him in one of the plaid flannel shirts he always preferred.

Ruth died September 20, 1970 in Oneida, New York.

ARTHUR P. OLIN (9)

Arthur Powell Olin was born to Leon and Ruth Olin on April 18, 1915 in Oneida, Madison County, New York.

Arthur was very musically gifted. When he was in high school he had an orchestra, which included some of the richest kids in Oneida. He played the organ, clarinet and sax. When he was 16, Art had to quit school to work at a local drug store because money was tight.

In 1935 in Syracuse, New York, Art married Adele Szyper (born 28 September 1912, Rome, New York). Together they had two daughters, Jeannine Adele Olin, and Arthene Ruth Olin.

After the war Art used his knowledge of electronics to start Olin Electronics with his brothers Robert and Bruce. They sold appliances and televisions. In fact, Art owned the first television in Madison County. Art was afraid of heights, so he employed his brother-in-law, Harry McEvers, to put up TV antennas. Art ended up buying out his brothers, and continued to own the store the rest of his life.

In 1966 Arthur went to Mexico and divorced Adele. Adele Olin currently lives at the Bethany House retirement home in Rome, New York.

On 1 March 1966, Arthur married Virginia S. Harvey in El Paso, Texas. They renewed their vows in Camden, New York on 1 June 1966. Virginia was born in Gloversville, New York on 14 December 1921 to Chester and Ernestine Harvey. She was an officer for Chase Manhattan Bank for 34 years. She retired as the Assistant Manager of the Oneida office.

Arthur was very involved in both the Elks and the Masons. He was a District Deputy, and Exalted Ruler, and a state Vice-President. In the Masons, Virginia was the Matron of the Eastern Star, and Art was her Patron. Arthur died of leukemia on March 24, 1976 in Syracuse, New York. Virginia currently lives in Munnsville, New York, just outside of Oneida.

JEANNINE ADELE OLIN (10)

Jeannine Adele Olin was born to Arthur and Adele Olin on 30 November 1936 in Oneida, Madison County, New York. She has been married three times. Her first marriage was with Morris Guy, with whom she had two sons.

Mark Brian Guy was born July 22, 1956 in Oneida, Madison County, NY. Mark married Lisa Renee Taylor. Lisa was born August 13, 1957 in Fulton, Oswego County, New York to Elmer Ellsworth Taylor and Marion Taylor. Mark and Lisa have two children; Justin Ashley Guy (born 4 March 1977 in Fulton, New York) and Courtney Adele Guy (born 24 May 1981 in Fulton, New York). Mark is an apartment manager. He and his family reside in Fulton, New York.

Gary Duane Guy was born on 21 June 1958 in Oneida, New York. In July of 1979, Gary married Diane Hunter. Gary and Diane have two children: Jennifer Ann Guy (born October, 1980), and Jillian Lee Guy (born April, 1978). Gary and his family reside in Matthews, North Carolina.

Jeannine divorced Morris Guy. She married and later divorced Keith Nelson. Her third marriage was to Dominic Campagna. Jeannine currently lives in Hamburg, New York.

ARTHENE RUTH OLIN (10)

Arthene Ruth Olin was born to Arthur and Adele Olin on 15 October 1940 in Oneida, Madison County, New York. She has a daughter, Sherly Anne, born in 1962, and three grandchildren. Arthene is married to Lee Beach, and winters in Vero Beach, Florida.

ROBERT JAMES OLIN (9)

Robert James Olin was born to Leon and Ruth Olin on 20 January 1917 in Oneida, Madison County, New York. In the words of his sister Alberta, "He was a really smart guy, he should have gone to college," but those were the depression years and there wasn't enough money for college. Robert instead went to work at the Oneida Limited factory in Oneida.

In 1936 Robert met, on a blind date, Lillian LaQuerre. Alberta said that Lillian was "the only girl Robert went with," and that they

were "like an old married couple from the beginning."

Robert bought Lillian a diamond ring for Christmas in 1936, but she "didn't take it until 1942, "because she wasn't sure till then." Lillian's family moved from Sherrill, New York to Meriden, Connecticut in 1942. She realized how much she loved Robert when she thought she wouldn't see him again, so she accepted his ring, and they were engaged.

Lillian LaQuerre was born on 31 October 1917 in Sherrill, New York. Her father, Lawrence Theodore LaQuerre of Canada, was a silver burnisher. Lillian's mother was Mary Agnes (something like Meehan or Meekin) LaQuerre. Mary was the daughter of an Irish coal miner who lived in England. When Mary's mother died, her father sent her to live with relatives in America. Mary came through Ellis Island. Lillian was raised in Sherrill, and graduated from Vernon High School, Vernon, New York.

Robert and Lillian were married on 23 February 1943 in the rectory of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Meriden, Connecticut. Because Robert was Methodist, and they weren't allowed to be married at the altar. Lillian's twin sister, Lucille, was her maid of honor. The day after they were married, Robert, an Army Air Corps Lieutenant, had to leave for Florida to report for training. During the nine weeks that Robert was learning how to fly a B-17 bomber, the newlyweds were able to spend six weeks together in Sebring, Florida.

Robert was later stationed in England. As the pilot, the honor of naming the plane was his, so his B-17's name was the "Lucky Lil," after his wife. During his military flight career, Robert received the Air Medal, and was the first Army pilot from central New York to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Robert didn't talk much about his experiences during the war. While stationed in England in November of 1942, Robert received a telegram that not only informed him of the birth of his son, James Robert Olin, but also the death of James and Lillian. After frantically trying to make an over-seas call, Robert was able to establish that James has indeed died shortly after birth, but that Lillian had not died. She had been given so much pain medication that she was unconscious for three days.

Robert and Lillian had three more children: Sandra Ann Olin,

Robert Thomas Olin, and Pamela Ann Olin.

After the war, Robert was offered a promotion by the Army, but he declined. He went back to work for Oneida Limited for a while. The factory exacerbated his sinus problems (from flying in unpressurized planes at high altitudes) and Robert decided he needed a career change. He went to work for the United States government as a Logistics Officer at Griffiss Air Force Base, near Rome, New York. In 1964 the government decided to shift their operations from Griffiss to two other Air Force bases. A third of the personnel were transferred to McLellen Air Force Base near Sacramento, California. The other two thirds, including Robert, were transferred to Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

In August of 1964, Robert and his family (except Sandra, who was attending college in Buffalo) moved to Norman, Oklahoma. While they were there, all of their children were married. Robert transferred to McLellan Air Force Base in 1974 and he and Lillian moved to Carmicheal, California where he worked for the Strategic Air Command.

Robert died on 18 March 1976. His son and widow escorted his body back to Oneida for burial.

His brother, Arthur, had been suffering from leukemia for quite some time, and the possibility of Robert's being a bone marrow donor was investigated, but it was too late. Art died on the day of his brother Robert's burial, 25 March 1976.

Lillian decided to move back to Oneida Castle, New York, to live. Lillian died in Oneida, New York on 1 March 1985.

SANDRA ANN OLIN (10)

Sandra Ann Olin, was born to Robert and Lillian Olin on 24 May 1945 in Gulf Port, Mississippi. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Buffalo in 1967. She married Ralph Allyn Lewis on 4 August 1973 in Waterbury, Vermont.

Allyn Lewis was born to Ralph A. and Maryann Lewis on September 25, 1946 in Glen Cove, New York. In 1968 he received his B.S. in civil engineering from Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont.

They have two daughters: Sarah Anne Lewis, born 19 November 1982 in Burlington, Vermont, and Kaitlyn Lewis, born 28 August 1986 in Burlington, Vermont. Both girls excel in sports, scholastics and community service. Kaitlyn also excels in music.

Sandy worked for the Vermont Department of Health for a number of years. Since then she has worked for the Vermont Lung Association, and the American Lung Association. She currently works with Allyn and his company, R.A. Lewis Enterprises. They all live in Waterbury, Vermont.

ROBERT T. OLIN (10)

Robert Thomas Olin was born to Robert and Lillian Olin on 23 December 1946 in Oneida, Madison County, New York.

Robert was married to Patricia "Trish" Ann Scott on Saturday, 8 November 1969 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Williamstown, New Jersey. Patricia was born 12 June 1951 in Woodbury, New Jersey to Alfred Grover Scott and Elizabeth Mary Cairns Scott. Patricia received her bachelor's degree in psychology and economics and her master's degree in general education from Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia. Robert and Patricia were divorced 8 November 1994. She currently lives in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Robert served in the Marine Corps as an enlisted man during the late 1960's, becoming quite knowledgeable in computers. He was sent by the Marines to train members of other branches in their use. Later he joined the Army Reserves, eventually retiring with the rank of Major.

Robert received his bachelor's degree in business from Oklahoma University. He and Patricia moved to Norman, Oklahoma in May of 1970, where they received the standard welcome of a tornado. In Norman, Robert worked as a police officer and began his career with the United States government. He worked for the Federal Aviation Administration at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and then was transferred by the Department of Transportation to Washington, D.C.

Robert worked 12 hour shifts for the Department of Defense at the Pentagon during the Gulf War in 1991. Robert currently lives in

Alexandria, Virginia and works for the Department of the Navy.

Robert and Patricia Olin had two daughters and two sons:

JENNIFER J. OLIN (11)

Jennifer Janeen Olin was born 3 October 1970 in John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Stratford, New Jersey. Jennifer graduated from Chantilly High School, Chantilly, Virginia in 1989. She currently lives in Fairfax, Virginia.

JEFFREY J. OLIN (11)

Jeffrey Jason Olin was born 11 July 1973 in Norman Municipal Hospital, Noman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma. He graduated from Chantilly High School, Chantilly, Virginia in 1991. Jeffrey has attended Northern Virginia Community College in Anandale, Virginia, Golden West College in Huntington Beach, California and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, California. He is an aspiring actor.

JESSICA J. OLIN (11)

Jessica J. Olin was born 5 January 1976 in Norman Municipal Hospital, Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma. She has attended Northern Virginia Community College and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

JERROD J. OLIN (11)

Jerrod James Olin was born 3 January 1979 in Norman Municipal Hospital, Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma. In 1997 Jerrod graduated from T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia.

PAMELA A. OLIN (10)

Pamela Ann Olin was born to Robert and Lillian Olin on 7 July 1953 in Oneida, Madison County, New York. When she was eleven, her family moved to Norman, Oklahoma, where she met Donald Keester. Pamela and Donald were married on 15 January 1972 at the McFarlin Memorial Methodist Church in Norman, Oklahoma. Pamela has worked for Home Depot for seven years and is currently the

Receiving Manager of her store.

Donald Wayne Keester was born to Donald William Keester and Ima Jeane Smith Keester on 4 November 1945 in Hobart, OK. Donald received his bachelor's degree in business administration, and later his MBA in management and marketing from Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Pamela and Don had two children, Karen Michelle and David William.

KAREN MICHELLE KEESTER (11)

Karen Michelle Keester was born 6 March 1975 in Norman Municipal Hospital, Norman, Oklahoma. She earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Karen currently works as an International Accountant for EF Education.

DAVID WILLIAM KEESTER (11)

David William Keester was born 7 January 1979 in Norman Municipal Hospital, Norman, Oklahoma.

The Keesters have explored the American experience from many different vantage points, having lived in Norman, Oklahoma; Renton, Washington; Mason, Ohio; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Harlingen, Texas, and they are currently in Nashua, New Hampshire.

ALBERTA JOYCE OLIN (9)

Alberta Joyce Olin was born to Leon and Ruth Olin on 25 March 1919 in Oneida, Madison County, New York.

After graduating from high school she attended the New York State College at Morrisville, and graduated from the Utica School of Commerce in 1938, where she studied stenographics.

Alberta married Harry Bertram McEvers, born 10 July 1909, of Cazenovia, New York on 2 September 1939 in Oneida, New York. The couple moved to Linden, New Jersey where Harry worked for General Motors, supervising the construction of fighter planes during World War II. He later worked for GM in Syracuse, New York.

Alberta followed in her mother's journalistic footsteps, working

briefly for the Cazenovia Republican and, later the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for several years.

Alberta and Harry moved to Daytona Beach, Florida in 1971. They had two sons and a daughter: Harry Ronald McEvers, Richard Arthur McEvers, and Cynthia Melody McEvers.

Alberta began to go blind in 1992 from a degeneration of the retina, and recalls that her father Leon had the same condition. Harry died 24 July 1997 at 88 years old. Alberta still resides in Daytona Beach with her daughter Cynthia.

HARRY R. McEVERS (10)

Harry Ronald McEvers was born to Harry and Alberta McEvers on 19 July 1942 in Newark, New Jersey. He married Susan Lenore Weiser, born 2 April 1951 in Syracuse, New York, on 1 February 1964 at the Erwin Methodist Church in Syracuse, New York. Harry and Susan were divorced on 28 February 1969. Harry had two sons with Susan: John P. and Brian R., and one son, Wayne T. with his second wife, Barbara Ann Parks.

JOHN P. McEVERS

John Patrick McEvers was born 17 January 1965 in St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. John's last name changed to Martin when he and his brother were adopted by their step-father. John works as a security guard and is going to school to study law enforcement. John is a singer and drummer in his country-rock crossover band "Locked Out." John currently lives in Crystal Springs, Missouri.

BRIAN R. McEVERS (11)

Brian Ronald McEvers was born 24 February 1967 in Syracuse, New York. Like his brother, John, Brian's last name was changed to Martin when he was adopted by his step-father. Brian died by suicide on 26 March 1987.

WAYNE T. McEVERS (11)

Wayne Thomas McEvers was born 18 December 1972 in Syracuse, New York. Wayne works for ARC with disabled people

and sings with his straight metal band "Redezra," which plays out of Geneva, New York. On September 19, 1992 Wayne married Maureen Gambino in Ilion, New York. Maureen was born to Mauro and Sharon Gambino in Herkimer Hospital, Herkimer, New York. Wayne and Maureen have two children: Branden Wayne McEvers, born 6 May 1993 in Little Falls, New York; and, Morgan Lynn McEvers, born 21 May 1995 in Auburn, New York. Wayne and his family live in Auburn.

Harry R. McEvers married Katherine Marie Otts (born 31 August 1954 in Syracuse, New York) on 26 October 1974 at the Cicero United Methodist Church in Cicero, New York. Harry and Katherine had two daughters: Ronda Jo McEvers was born 1 December 1983 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse, New York. Vicki Jo McEvers was born 10 April 1994 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse, New York. Ronda and Vicki currently live in Pennelville, New York with their mother and step-father.

Harry works for the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency. He currently lives in Syracuse, New York.

RICHARD A. McEVERS (10)

Richard Arthur McEvers was born to Harry and Alberta McEvers on 4 April 1948 in Oneida, New York. His first marriage was to JoAnn Harrington (born 18 January 1948) in Chittenango, New York. Richard and JoAnn were divorced in 1985. They had a son, Andrew J. McEvers. Richard's second marriage was to Jane Ann Oliver (born 19 June 1956 in Monahans, Texas). Jane has two children from a previous marriage. Kirk Daryl Miller was born 20 February 1980 in Cedar City, Utah. Misty Ann Miller was born 20 March 1974 in Cedar City, Utah.

Richard received his bachelor's degree in computer science from Troy State, Alabama. He received his master's degree in business administration from Golden Gate in San Francisco, California. Richard is a computer teacher at St. Petersburg Junior College in Tarpon Springs, Florida.

ANDREW J. McEVERS (11)

Andrew Joseph McEvers was born to Richard and JoAnn McEvers

on 2 October 1971 in Las Vegas, Nevada. On 16 April 1994, in Las Vegas, he married Linda Kay Miller, (born 21 November 1972 in Las Vegas, Nevada) daughter of Roy and Barbara Miller. Andrew and Linda have a daughter, Emily Ann McEvers (b. April 6, 1997 in Las Vegas, Nevada). Andrew received his District License to be a Four Square Pastor from the Life Bible College in San Dimas, California in 1995. He is a Youth Pastor at the Black Mountain Fellowship, Four Square Church. Andrew also works for Southwest Airlines. Andrew, Linda and Emily currently live in Henderson, Nevada.

CYNTHIA M. McEVERS (10)

Cynthia Melody McEvers was born to Harry and Alberta McEvers on 11 April 1951 at Crouse Irving Hospital in Syracuse, New York. She married James Clive Nelson (born 5 December 1950 in Ogden, Utah) on 14 August 1971 in Macon, Georgia. Their daughter, Kimberly Lynn Nelson, was born 11 November 1975 in Jacksonville, Florida. Kimberly has a daughter of her own, Brittney Michelle Wilson (born 14 October 1996, Halifax Hospital, Daytona Beach, Florida). Kimberly is studying to be a Registered Nurse. Kimberly and Brittney currently live in Fort Orange, Florida.

Cynthia and James divorced in 1976. Cynthia was married to Thomas Carruthers (born 9 February 1937 in Sandusky, Ohio) in 1985. They divorced in 1987. Thomas died in 1990.

Cynthia lives with her mother, Alberta, in Daytona Beach, Florida.

BRUCE H. OLIN (9)

Bruce Harold Olin was born to Leon and Ruth Olin on 26 November 1921 in Oneida, Madison County, New York. Bruce joined the United States Coast Artillery just before America's entrance in to World War II. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Bruce was sent to Hawaii on 12 December 1941. He fought in the island-hopping campaign across the Pacific, ending up in Japan.

He married Grace Kuebler, (born 3 October 1923 to Frank and Ida (Genau) Kuebler, Long Island, New York) on 28 December 1944. Together, Bruce and Grace had four children: Kathleen Elizabeth Olin,

Donald Bruce Olin, Deborah Dorothy Olin, and Michelle Grace Olin.

Following in his mother's footsteps, Bruce worked for the *Syracuse Herald-Journal* as a typesetter. He was elected an Alderman in the City of Oneida, and later on was a County Supervisor in Madison County, New York. He retired in 1977 after suffering a couple of strokes. He died 23 November 1981.

Grace worked for the Madison County Department of Motor Vehicles and later for the Oneida City Hospital as a bookkeeper. She is retired.

KATHLEEN E. OLIN (10)

Kathleen Elizabeth Olin was born to Bruce and Grace Olin on 23 January 1947 in Oneida, New York. She married Chester Smith (born 11 October 1944 in Oneida, New York) on 30 July 1966 in Oneida, New York. Chester worked for Carrier Air Conditioning for more than 30 years. Kathleen and Chester, who still live in Oneida, had three daughters: Kimberly, Tamara and Rebecca.

KIMBERLY A. SMITH (11)

Kimberly Ann Smith was born in Oneida, New York on 2 August 1967. She married Timothy Michael Hubbell (born 27 June 1966) on 2 June 1990 in Oneida, New York. Kimberly and Timothy had two sons: Branden Michael Hubbell, born 18 May 1991 in Oneida, New York, and Tyler James Hubbell, born 24 July 1992 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Kimberly is a sales representative for Leggs Pantyhose. Timothy is a sales representative for Millbrook. The Hubbell family currently lives in Waynesboro, Virginia.

TAMARA L. SMITH (11)

Tamara Lynn Smith was born 18 May 1969 in Oneida, New York. She works as a medical assistant and lives in Oneida, New York.

REBECCA S. SMITH (11)

Rebecca Sue Smith was born in Oneida, New York on 16 October 1971. She married Timothy Christopher Lally on 17 April 1993. They have a daughter, Alicia Elizabeth Lally, who was born in Oklahoma

City, Oklahoma on 24 October 1996. Timothy currently works at Tinker Air Force Base. Rebecca and Timothy live in Del City, Oklahoma.

DONALD B. OLIN (10)

Donald Bruce Olin was born to Bruce and Grace Olin on March 11, 1949 in Oneida, New York. He married Sally Agnes Crandall. Donald is the Executive Vice President of the Mid-Atlantic Region for Marketing Specialists, a food brokerage company. Sally is a nurse, currently working with clinical drug trials. They live in Charlotte, North Carolina. Together, they had twin sons and a daughter:

MATTHEW D. OLIN (11)

Matthew Donald Olin was born 4 June 1973 in Oneida, New York. Matthew received his B.A. in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is pursuing his master's degree in theatre management at Columbia University. He is currently the Assistant Company Manager for the Broadway production of "Titanic." He resides in New York City.

MICHAEL B. OLIN (11)

Michael Bruce Olin was born 4 June 1973 in Oneida, Oneida County, New York. Michael received his bachelor's in psychology from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He teaches psychology at the Domincan Academy, an all-girls high school in New York City. He lives on W. 110th Street in New York City, just down the street from his brother.

JENNIFER E. OLIN (11)

Jennifer Eleanor Olin was born 2 June 1981 in Oneida, New York. She is a senior at Charlotte Catholic High School.

DEBORAH D. OLIN (10)

Deborah Dorothy Olin was born to Bruce and Grace Olin on 1 April 1952 in Oneida, New York. She was married to Richard George

Fogg (born 15 July 1952) in Oneida, New York; they divorced in 1992. Together they had two sons: Jason Richard Fogg, born 15 November 1976 in Oneida, New York, and Jeremy Shane Fogg, born 16 November 1982 in Syracuse, New York. Deborah is a manager for J. Baker Inc.

MICHELE G. OLIN (10)

Michele Grace Olin was born to Bruce and Grace Olin on 6 March 1956 in Oneida, New York. She married Thomas Sears. Together they had a son, Jonathan Thomas Sears, born 6 October 1988 in Oneida, New York. She currently lives in Oneida Castle, Oneida County, New York.

BEULAH N. OLIN (9)

Beulah Nevada Olin was born to Leon and Ruth Olin on 15 February 1926 in the city of Oneida, Oneida County, New York. Beulah (called "Bea") was the youngest child of Leon and Ruth Olin. Her brother, Bruce, introduced Bea to her future husband, Charles Edwin Miller; born 18 October 1921. Bea and Ed were married on 7 August 1948.

Bea is known for usually looking at the bright side, and not taking life too seriously. Bea and Ed had two children: Jacqueline Faye Miller and Michael Olin Miller. Ed died 21 May 1981. Bea continued to live in the same house that she and Ed had shared since 1957, until it was destroyed by fire on 8 September 1998. Bea now lives with her daughter, Jacqueline, in North Syracuse.

JACQUELINE F. MILLER (10)

Jacqueline Faye Miller was born on 30 September 1968. She married Robert Michael Feak (born 22 January 1951) on 8 September 1984. She is currently a secretary in the Central Services Department at the Upstate Medical Center. She and her husband live in North Syracuse, New York.

MICHAEL O. MILLER (10)

Michael Olin Miller was born 24 August 1962. He plays bass

guitar in a contemporary rock band, "Johny Vegas." Michael Miller lives in Syracuse, New York.

NATHAN OLIN (7)

Nathan Olin was the fourth child of Martin S. Olin and Jane D. Brown, born 25 November 1869 in Floyd, Oneida County, New York. He never had a problem finding work in the city of Rome. At times he would only work a week or two, and if he didn't like the work, move on to something different. He seemed to go back to the knitting mills quite often in his earlier years. During the late 1800's, Oneida County was recognized as the knitting capital of the world. Twenty million dollars a year was attributed to men and women's summer and winter underwear.

Nathan Olin, born 1868, son of Martin and Jan Olin, ca 1905

Photo courtesy Elonore Beck

Having been a bachelor for forty-seven years, the Olin family was surprised when Nathan married the widow, Elizabeth Knowles, in Rome in 1915. Elizabeth, born 7 December 1873 in Rome, the daughter of George C. Schillner and Nancy Miller, had first married John Knowles.

Nathan was a trusted steward in the Rome Moose Club for many years. He worked over twenty years in the Revere Copper and Brass Company where he died during the lunch hour, 13 October 1937. The Rome Elks Club paid final tribute to Nathan Olin.

Nathan and Elizabeth's marriage had no issue. However, Elizabeth's first marriage to John Knowles resulted in a son, John H. Knowles, Jr., born ca 1894 who first married _____Morehouse, born, ca 1895. Their marriage occurred about 1915 in Rome, resulting in five children: Camilla Knowles, who married _____Baker; Elonore Knowles who first married Harold O'Brien, Jr. and after his

The tall lady is Mary Olin Stooks. Her husband, William Stooks, stands on her right. The lady in the dark dress is Elizabeth Schillner Olin whose husband, Nathan Olin, stands behind her. It is believed that the gentleman alone on the right is one of Nathan's older brothers. The others are members of the Stooks family, ca 1940.

Photo courtesy Elonore Beck

accidental death in 1951, married Richard Beck, a radio technician for Mohawk Airlines – no children in either marriage; Elizabeth T. Knowles, who married _____Johnson; Marian Knowles who married _____Coker; and Robert Knowles.

Elizabeth Shillner Knowles Olin died ca 1942 in Rome, New York. Elonore Knowles O'Brien Beck died 12 July 1998 in Owego, Tioga County, NY where she and her late husband, Richard Beck, contributed many hours to the Red Cross, fire departments, fraternal clubs and the Zion Lutheran Church.

JOHN OLIN (7)

John was born 22 September 1870 and died in 1872 in Floyd, New York.

JAMES N. OLIN (7)

Born 10 August 1871 to Martin S. Olin and Jane D. Brown, James

Olin moved to California and married in 1927. The family lost track of him but think that he had a son, Henry Olin, and a second marriage.

FANNIE M. OLIN (7)

Martin S. Olin and Jane Delilah Brown's second daughter and seventh child was born 1 November 1874 in Holland Patent, Oneida County, New York. She married John White and had no issue. Fanny/ Fannie Olin White died on the 16th of January 1927.

MARY OLIN (7)

Martin S. Olin and Jane Delilah Brown had two sets of twins, the first being born 1 October 1877 of which Mary was the survivor. An unnamed infant died the same day of birth.

Mary Olin first married James Barton in 1898. James either left or died in 1905. Her younger brother paid off a quit claim on her property. Mary married again to William Stooks in Rome, NY. There were no children in either marriage. Mary Olin Barton Stooks died 5 April 1945 in Rome.

JENNIE OLIN (7)

The tenth child, Jennie Olin, born 18 April 1879 to Martin and Jane Olin, remains a mystery.

NELLIE OLIN (7)

Martin and Jane Olin's second set of twins was born in Holland Patent, NewYork. Their names were Nellie and Elmer, born 2 October 1880. Nellie married Erwin Hill and lived in Westerville, Oneida County, New York. Her second marriage was to Edwin Warcup and they had three children: Everet O. Warcup, who married Retta Denecia; Clara A. Warcup, who married John Hosselton and later James Lennie; and Mary E. Warcup, who married Ferris Taskey.

ELMER OLIN (7)

Elmer Olin, twin to his sister, Mary, born 2 October 1880, died in 1882, not quite two years old.

GEORGE W. OLIN (7)

The thirteenth child of Martin and Jane Olin, George W. Olin, born 19 June 1883 in Holland Patent, became a skilled moulder in a Oswego foundry. On 11 October 1910 in Oswego, George W. Olin married Lula Mae Phillips, born 24 August 1882 in Oswego, daughter of John Henry Phillips and Margaret Allen.

George Olin (7) and Lula Phillips Olin, ca 1910
Photo courtesy of Joyce Borza

In 1908, George, well aware of all the competing auto manufacturers, decided to go into debt to purchase one of Henry Ford's new Model T's, called "Tin Lizzy" for $850. The investment paid off. He was able to court Lula Mae in style and won her hand in marriage.

George W. Olin died 12 August 1955 in Oswego; Lula Mae Phillips Olin died two years later, 4 February 1957 in Queens, New York City, in the home of her daughter, Emma Louise Olin Bush. Her body was returned to Oswego and laid to rest next to her husband in the Riverside Cemetery.

George W. and Lula Mae Olin had four children: Emma Louise Olin, Grace Irene Olin, Dorothy Mayme Olin, and George Phillips Olin.

EMMA LOUISE OLIN (8)

The first daughter of the George W. and Lula Mae Olin's family, Emma Louise Olin, born 1 July 1912 in Oswego, married Ellsworth Leroy Bush in Auburn, Cayuga County, New York on 16 January 1932. Ellsworth Bush was born 22 October 1909 in Seneca Falls, NewYork, son of Lorenso and Mable Keal Bush.

Emma Louise Bush died 21 June 1963 and was buried in the Maple Grove Memorial Park in Jamaica, Long Island. Ellsworth and Emma Bush had five children: Francis, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Marion, and Ellsworth L. Olin.

After Emma died, Ellsworth Bush was married to Isabell ____ and resides on the Island of Guam in the Pacific Ocean.

FRANCIS OLIN BUSH (9)

The first son of Ellsworth and Emma Bush was Francis Olin Bush, born 12 February 1922 in Oswego, New York. He married Antonia (Ann) Genpolous and had a son, Frank Bush, born 5 July 1956 in New York City. Additional information about Frank Bush is limited to a marriage and perhaps a female child, born in June or July 1980.

ELEANOR LOUISE BUSH (9)

The first daughter of Ellsworth and Emma Bush was Eleanor Bush, born 29 June 1934 in Auburn, New York and died 1 May 1996 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Her first marriage was to Joseph Phillipe Demers, born 10 October 1928. The marriage took place in Queens, New York on 28 September 1952. The Demers had three children: Joseph P. Deemers, Denice Ann Demers, and Lorna M. Demers. Eleanor Louise Bush's second marriage to Louis Gulla, 16 December 1963 in Lawrence, Massachusetts, produced one child, Bettina Louise Gulla, born 25 March 1964 in Methuen, Massachusetts.

Eleanor's siblings, children, nephews and nieces compliment Eleanor for her strong resemblence to her mother, Emma Louise Olin Bush.

JOSEPH P. DEMERS (10)

The first child and only son of Joseph Phillipe and Eleanor Louise Bush Demers, was Joseph Phillipe Demers, born 26 July 1953 in Queens, New York. He has never married and lives with his sister, Denice Ann, and family in Massachusetts.

DENICE ANN DEMERS (10)

The first daughter of Eleanor Louise Bush Demers was Denice Ann Demers, born 18 July 1954 in Methuen, Massachusetts. She married Michael Hoffman, born 14 October 1953 in Lawrence, Massaachusetts. The marriage took place on 27 October 1973 in Lawrence. They have four children: Melanie Ann, born 5 October

1974; Mandy Kelly, born 23 June 1976; Michael Carl, born 1 May 1978; and Dustin William, born 24 October 1980, all in Methuen, Massachusetts.

LORNA MARION DEMERS (10)

Eleanor Louise Bush Demer's second daughter, Lorna Marion Demers, born 18 July 1956, married Dale Edwards on 26 March 1978. He had three children from an earlier marriage and there was no issue from this marriage. Lorna later married Michael Bibeau, born in Methuen, Massachusetts, and they had two daughters; Katlyn Michelle Bibeau, born 18 September 1991 in Lawrence, Massachusetts; and Ashley Marion Bibeau, born 25 November 1993 in Tampa, Florida. Ashley caused a lot of excitement when she was born on Thanksgiving Day.

BETTINA LOUISE GULLA (10)

Eleanor L. Bush Demer's second marriage to Louis Gulla resulted in the birth of a daughter, Bettina Louise Gulla, born 25 March 1964 in Methuen, Massachusetts, who married Russell Patrick Carr, Jr., born 10 March 1961. Their marriage occurred on 1 July 1984 and was blessed with four children: Russell Patrick Carr, born 28 May 1983 in Anaheim, California; Anthony Michael Carr, born 4 April 1987 in Lawrence, Massachutts; Kristen Bettina Carr, born 28 August 1994 in Lebanon, New Hampshire; and Kali Eleanor Carr, born 13 November 1996 in Methuen, Massachustts.

ELIZABETH ANN BUSH (9)

The second daughter and third child of the Ellsworth and Emma Olin Bush marriage was Elizabeth Ann Bush, born 17 December 1937 in Watertown, Oswego County, New York. She married Clarence Henry Kinney on 26 January 1957 in Jamaica, New York. He was a son of Ellis and Lena Gustin Kinney. He died 5 March 1987, still a young man. Clarence and Elizabeth Kinney had four children: Clarence Henry, Jr.; Nancy Louise, Dawn Marie; and Diane Gioia Kinney, all born in Hartford, Connecticut.

CLARENCE HENRY KINNEY, JR. (10)

Clarence Henry Kinney, Jr., born 28 June 1958, was the only son of Clarence and Elizabeth Kinney. He married Donna Mae Piccarello who was born 4 August 1963. Their marriage produced two children: Rebecca Mae Kinney, born 12 June 1986; and Matthew Ryan Kinney, born 7 May 1988, both in Manchester, Connecticut. Clarence Henry Kinney, Jr. later married Jill Davis Phelon on 6 September 1997. Jill Davis Phelon, born 7 September 1963, had one child from a previous marriage.

NANCY LOUISE KINNEY (10)

The oldest of three daughters in the Clarence and Elizabeth Kinney family, Nancy Louise Kinney, born 4 February 1960 in Hartford, Connecticut, married Alphonse Chamberland on 19 September 1981 in Manchester, Connecticut. Alphonse, born 15 December 1957, in Stafford, Connecticut, was a son of Gilbert and Thelma Oulette Chamberland. Alphonse and Nancy Kinney Chamberland have three children: Krysta Lee, born 5 September 1984; Caylie Elizabeth, born 14 April 1989; and Jayden Connor, born 25 September 1997, all born in Manchester, Connecticut.

DAWN MARIE KINNEY (10)

Clarence and Elizabeth Kinney's second daughter, Dawn Marie Kinney, born 29 June 1965 in Hartford, Connecticut, married Mark James Mistretta on 7 August 1993 in Manchester, Connecticut. Mark, born 15 September 1965 in Manchester, Connecticut, and Dawn have a daughter, Abigail Eleanor Mistretta, born 11 May 1996.

DIANE GIOIA KINNEY (10)

The third daughter of Clarence and Elizabeth Kinney, Diane Gioia Kinney, born 5 February 1968 in Hartford, Connecticut, married Robert James Lovett on 7 October 1989. Robert J. Lovett, born in Charleston, North Carolina and Diane Gioia Kinney have two children: Ryan John Lovett, born 14 April 1993 in Manchester, Connecticut; and Benjamin Clarence Lovett, born 22 March 1996 in Manchester, Connecticut.

MARION IRENE BUSH (9)

The third daughter born to Ellsworth and Emma Olin Bush was Marion Irene Bush, born 22 May 1940 in Oswego, New York. She died on 12 October 1955 at the tender age of fifteen from complications of rheumatic heart disease. She was buried in Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

ELLSWORTH LEROY BUSH, JR. (9)

The fifth and last child of Ellsworth and Emma Olin Bush was Ellsworth Leroy Bush, Jr., born 26 September 1943 in Kew Gardens, Queens, Long Island, New York. He first married Lillian Jessica Messer, born 8 January 1941, on 23 November 1963. They had two children: Marion Irene; and Tamara Anne, both born in Jamaica, Queens, New York. Ellsworth Jr.'s second marriage was to Marie Gizele Rouzier, who had two children from a previous marriage.

MARION IRENE BUSH (10)

Ellsworth Jr. and Lillian Messer Bush named their first daughter in honor of her deceased aunt, Marion Bush, who died in 1955. This tenth generation, Marion Irene Bush, born 12 November 1964, married James Sierra on 24 November 1990. They have two children: Richard James Sierra, born 5 March 1993 in Staten Island, New York; and Victoria Lillian Sierra, born 27 September 1998 in Nassau County, New York.

TAMARA ANNE BUSH (10)

The second daughter, born 26 May 1966 in Queens, New York, to Ellsworth Jr. and Lillian Jessica Messer Bush, was Tamara Anne Bush, who married Charles Morales. Charles was born 25 October 1966 and married Tamara Bush on 5 October 1991. They have two children: Samantha Jessica Morales, born 23 September 1993; and Haley Eileen Morales, born 10 September 1998, both in Nassau County, New York.

GRACE IRENE OLIN (8)

The second child of George W. Olin and Lula Mae Phillips, Grace

Irene Olin, born 16 February 1915 in Oswego, NY, married Frederick George Henry Millen on 3 June 1934 in Auburn, Cayuga County, New York. Frederick Millen was born 17 November 1913 in Chatham, Kent County, England, son of Frederick Richard Stephen John Millen of Chatham.

Grace Irene Olin Millen died 28 July 1995 in Cayuga, New York, predeceased by her husband, Frederick, who died in Rochester, New York on 14 November 1979. Both were buried in the Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, New York. Grace and Frederick Millen had three children: Barbara Jean; Joyce Irene; and Gertrude Ann.

BARBARA JEAN MILLEN (9)

The oldest daughter, Barbara Jean Millen, born 12 January 1936 in Oswego, New York, of Grace and Frederick Millen, married David Ralph Crosby on 6 December 1958 in Auburn, New York. David R. Crosby was born in Auburn on 11 January 1931, the son of John Winfield Crosby and Mabel Louise Ruscoe. Barbara and David Crosby had three children: Catherine Ann; David Glenn; and Susan Irene.

CATHERINE ANN CROSBY (10)

Catherine Ann Crosby, the first child of Barbara and David Crosby, born 19 November 1959 in Auburn, New York, married Brian Esmond FitzGerald on 4 May 1988 in Auburn. He was born in Leatherhead, England on 5 April 1957, the son of Gabriele Pitcher and Gerald Edward FitzGerald. Catherine and Brian FitzGerald have two daughters: Laura Grace, born 24 March 1988; and Sara Ellen, born 19 April 1990, both in Fairfax, Virginia.

DAVID GLENN CROSBY (10)

David R. and Barbara Crosby's only son, David Glenn Crosby, was born 1 December, 1961 in Auburn. His first marriage, to Patricia McGevna in Skaneateles, New York, was short and childless. His second marriage to Rachaelle Ann Ash on 24 July 1997 in London, England is also childless. Rachaelle was born in Galloway, Ireland on 17 August 1958, the daughter of Mary Bridget and Edward Christopher Bray.

SUSAN IRENE CROSBY (10)

The youngest daughter of David R. and Barbara Crosby's three children, Susan Irene Crosby was born on 24 December 1963 in Auburn, New York. She first married Bruce Reynolds in Auburn, New York and had no issue. She later married Michael Pettigrass on 4 September 1994 in Auburn. Michael was born in Auburn on 26 July 1963, the son of John Pettigrass and Lillian Tutino. Susan Crosby and Michael Pettigrass have a daughter, Chelsea Irene, born 25 February 1996 in Auburn, New York.

JOYCE IRENE MILLEN (9)

The second of three daughters, Joyce Irene Millen, born 31 October 1942 in Oswego, New York to Grace and Frederick Millen married Francis Edward Borza on 2 May 1964 in Auburn, New York. He was born 19 January 1942 in Auburn, the son of Peter James Borza and Anne Teresa Lasagna. Joyce and Francis Borza have two sons: Francis Edward, Jr. and Jeffrey Allen.

FRANCIS EDWARD BORZA, JR. (10)

Francis Edward Borza, Jr., born 4 December 1966 in Onondaga, New York, the elder son of Francis and Joyce Borza, has never married.

JEFFREY ALLEN BORZA (10)

The younger son of Francis and Joyce Borza was Jeffrey Allen Borza, born 5 May 1970 in Auburn, New York. He married Adrienne Susan Conner on 19 August 1994 in Stillwater, Minnesota. She was born 18 January 1970 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the daughter of Ralph Conner and Susan Beaver. This marriage failed without issue. Jeffrey Borza changed his surname to comply with the family name in Italy of Borgia.

GERTRUDE ANN MILLEN (9)

The third daughter, Gertrude Ann Millen, born 14 July 1946 in Auburn, New York, to Frederick and Grace Millen, married Charles William Mitzlefelt. Charles Mitzlefelt changed his surname to Mitchell

Left to right: Grace Irene Olin Millen (8); Dorothy Mayme Olin Baldwin Strong (8); Eleanor Louise Bush Demers Gulla, daughter of Emma Louise Olin Bush (8); Elizabeth Ann Bush Kinney (9); and her daughter, Nancy Louise Kinney Chamberland (10) in 1993.

Photo courtesy of Joyce M. Borza

prior to his marriage and birth of his two sons. He was born 20 February 1945 in Illinois, the son of William Mitzlefelt and Helen Ilene Lee. Charles and Gertrude were married 9 September 1967 in Auburn. Their two children are Charles Frederick and Scott Ralph.

CHARLES FREDERICK MITCHELL (10)

The elder son born 14 April 1968 to Charles and Gertrude Mitzlefelt/Mitchell was Charles Frederick Mitchell. He married Lora Barvelle on 25 June 1994 in Auburn, New York. She was born in Auburn in January, 1971. They have no children at this time.

Charles and Gertrude Mitchell's other son, Scott Ralph Mitchell, was born in Auburn, 12 November 1972 and has not married.

DOROTHY MAYME OLIN (8)

The youngest daughter of the George W. and Lula Mae Olin's marriage, Dorothy Mayme Olin, was born 4 January 1919 in Auburn, Cayuga County, New York. She married Robert George Baldwin on 31 December 1936. Robert Baldwin, born November 1917, was the son of Hobart McKinley Baldwin and Maude Yardley of Oswego.

Robert and Dorothy Olin Baldwin had six children; all born in Oswego, New York: Roberta Jane; William George; Robert Edward; Patricia Louise; Frederick James; and Allen Paul.

Robert George Baldwin died 9 March 1972 in Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York and was buried in the Oswego Riverside Cemetery. Dorothy Mayme Olin Baldwin remarried, this time to Donald Edward Strong in Oswego on 4 June 1978. Donald was born 7 April 1930, son of Leland Strong and Merna Yager. Donald and Dorothy had a large lot on the outskirts of Oswego where Donald specialized in growing raspberries. Dorothy froze a lot of berries and specialized in making raspberry cream cheese pie. She was the organist for her church in Oswego and kept her own organ well tuned in her home.

Donald and Dorothy Strong gave up their country home in Oswego in 1996, to take up residence in Florida. Dorothy and her niece, Joyce Millen Borza, have provided the vital records of George and Lula Mae Olin's descendents.

ROBERTA JANE BALDWIN (9)

The first born child of Robert and Dorothy Baldwin was Roberta Jane Baldwin, born 9 September 1937. She married Victor H. Sampson in Oswego on 6 August 1960. Victor was born 8 August 1930, the son of Mae and LeGrande Sampson. They have two children: Andrew and Claudia Sampson.

ANDREW SAMPSON (10)

Victor and Roberta Sampson's first child was Andrew, born 27 July 1966 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York. He is not married.

CLAUDIA SAMPSON (10)

Andrew Sampson's sister Claudia was born 29 November 1967 in Rochester. She married Randy Linder in New Jersey on 28 May 1995 and they have a daughter, Sophie Linder, born 21 December 1995.

WILLIAM GEORGE BALDWIN (9)

William George Baldwin, born 2 January 1940 in Oswego, Robert

and Dorothy Baldwin's second child, married Evelyn Angelika Blume in Germany on 4 June 1965. They have three children, all born in Oswego, NY: Charles Lincoln; Katherine Ann; and Steven Brian Baldwin.

CHARLES LINCOLN BALDWIN (10)

Charles Lincoln Baldwin, born 26 January 1966, son of William and Evelyn Baldwin, married Bridget _____ in Oswego, 1 October 1992 and they have a daughter, Kaylee M. Baldwin, born 7 June 1997 in Oswego, New York.

KATHERINE ANN BALDWIN (10)

Katherine Ann Baldwin, born 14 July 1969, in Oswego was the only daughter of William and Evelyn Baldwin. She married _____ Criveau in Oswego and had a child, Tristan Criveau, born 28 February 1993 in Oswego.

STEVEN BRIAN BALDWIN (10)

Katherine's younger brother, Steven Brian Baldwin, born in Oswego on 18 May 1973 is not married.

ROBERT EDWARD BALDWIN (9)

Born 24 September 1942 in Oswego, Robert Edward Baldwin, son of Robert and Dorothy Baldwin, married Patricia Pagliaro in Oswego on 30 May 1964. Patricia was born on Christmas Day, 25 December 1942. Her birth was overshadowed by our country's entry into World War II. Robert and Patricia have three children: Timothy; Mark Edward; and Pam Baldwin.

TIMOTHY BALDWIN (10)

Timothy Baldwin was born 26 December 1964 in Oswego and married Marsha Prouty in Baldwinsville on 22 September 1990. They have no children.

MARK EDWARD BALDWIN (10)

Timothy's brother, Mark Edward Baldwin, born 7 October 1967 in Oswego is not married.

PAM BALDWIN (10)

The only daughter of the Robert and Patricia Baldwin marriage was Pam Baldwin, born 3 June 1972 in Oswego. She married Ben Bailey in Baldwinsville on 24 September 1994 and they have two children: Nicholas Bailey, born 2 December 1995; and Gabrielle, born 15 December 1997, both in Olean, New York.

PATRICIA LOUISE BALDWIN (9)

Robert and Dorothy Baldwin's fourth child, Patricia Louise Baldwin, born 6 November 1946 in Oswego, married Ronald Pierson in Oswego in June 1971. Ronald Pierson was born 8 May 1946. Ronald and Patricia Pierson have three children all born in Rochester, Monroe County, New York and none are married. The children are: Amy Christine, born 21 October 1972; Brian Robert, born 28 January 1974; and Michael David, born 1 March 1982.

FREDERICK JAMES BALDWIN (9)

The fifth child born, 15 May 1949 in Oswego, to Robert and Dorothy Baldwin was Frederick James Baldwin. He married Margery Powers in Oswego on 19 December 1971. Margery was born on 12 November 1950. Frederick and Margery Baldwin have two children: Aaron, born 9 November 1972 in Syracuse, New York, who married Julie ____ in Nashville, Tennessee on 7 June 1997; and David James, born 5 October 1977 in Syracuse, New York and is not married.

ALLEN PAUL BALDWIN (9)

The youngest child born to Robert and Dorothy Baldwin was Allen Paul Baldwin, who married Karen Canale in Oswego. Allen was born 1 November 1951 and Karen was born 14 September 1952. They have a son, Jeffrey Baldwin, born 19 January 1971.

GEORGE PHILLIPS OLIN (8)

The youngest child and only son of George W. and Lula Mae Phillips, George Phillips Olin, was born 2 March 1921 in Oswego, New York. He was a natural mechanic who worked as a machine

operator, machinist, and machine repair technician. He retired as a forman from the Nestles Chocolate Company in Oswego and died on 16 May 1993 in Oswego.

George P. Olin married Mary Margaret Dicecio in Oswego on 22 May 1941. May was born 29 May 1921, the daughter of Vincent Joseph Dececio and Margaret E. Caroll. George F. and Mary Olin had two children born in Oswego: George Vincent and Margaret Mary Olin.

GEORGE VINCENT OLIN (9)

George Vincent Olin, born 16 April 1942, son of George P. and Mary Olin, married Mildred Bangs on 3 September 1966 and they had no issue. George V. Olin married again on 19 May 1978 in Albany, New York to Christina Marie Morrison, who was born 26 September 1951 in Lawrence, Essex County, Massachusetts.

George V. and Christina Olin have three children: Marisa Alanna, born 4 October 1979 in Connecticut; Elizabeth Colleen, born 8 March 1983 in Greenville, Hunt County, Texas; and Brian Geoffrey, born 8 May 1984 in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

MARGARET MARY OLIN (9)

Margaret Mary Olin, born 12 October 1943 in Oswego, was the second child of the George P. and Mary Olin marriage. Margaret Olin married Lowell Thomas in September 1963. Lowell, born 28 July 1941, was a son of Carl Thomas and Berniece Wagoner. He died 8 December 1985 and was buried in St. Peters Cemetery, Oswego, New York.

Lowell and Margaret Thomas had three children born in Oswego: Lowell Michael Thomas, born 4 May 1964, not married; Mary Elizabeth Thomas, born 4 April 1966, who married Donald Graham, born 26 September 1966, and they have two children: Tiffany Marina, born 28 January 1986 and Jolena, born 10 March 1988, both in Oswego; and Susan Margaret Thomas, born 28 June 1967, who married Jeffrey DuBois in Oswego on 30 August 1996.

Esther Woodward guides Olin family members through cemeteries in and around Altmar, Oswego County, New York. Visiting the grave site of Benjamin and Susan Partlow Olin in the Pineville Cemetery are, left to right: Grace Olin Millen, Dorothy Olin Strong, Esther Olin Woodard, and Maretta Olan Fair. 1989 Richland Reunion.

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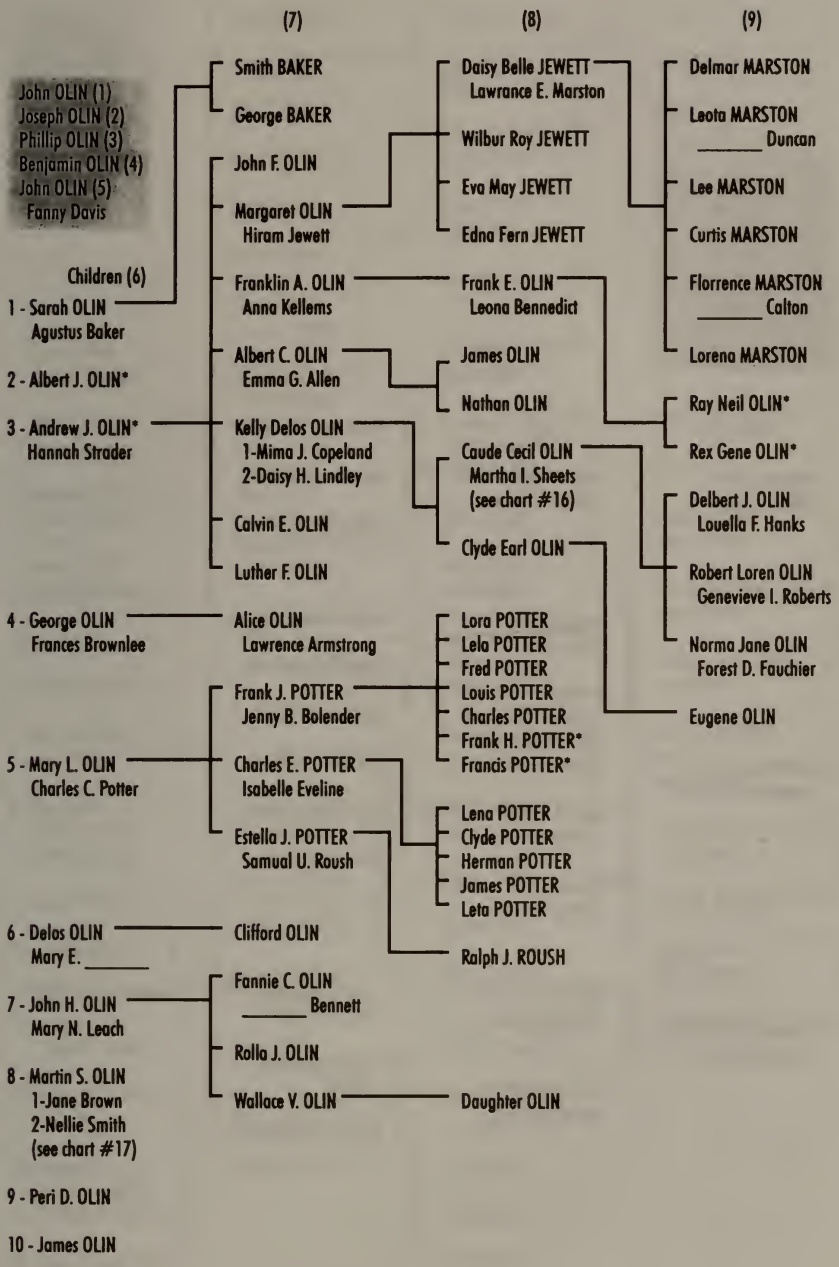
CHART 15 JOHN P. OLIN (5) AND FANNY DAVIS'S CHILDREN



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John OLIN (1)
Joseph OLIN (2)
Phillip OLIN (3)
Benjamin OLIN (4)
John P. OLIN (5)
Andrew Jackson OLIN (6)
Kelly Delos OLIN (7)
Claude Cecil OLIN (8)
Martha Inez Sheets

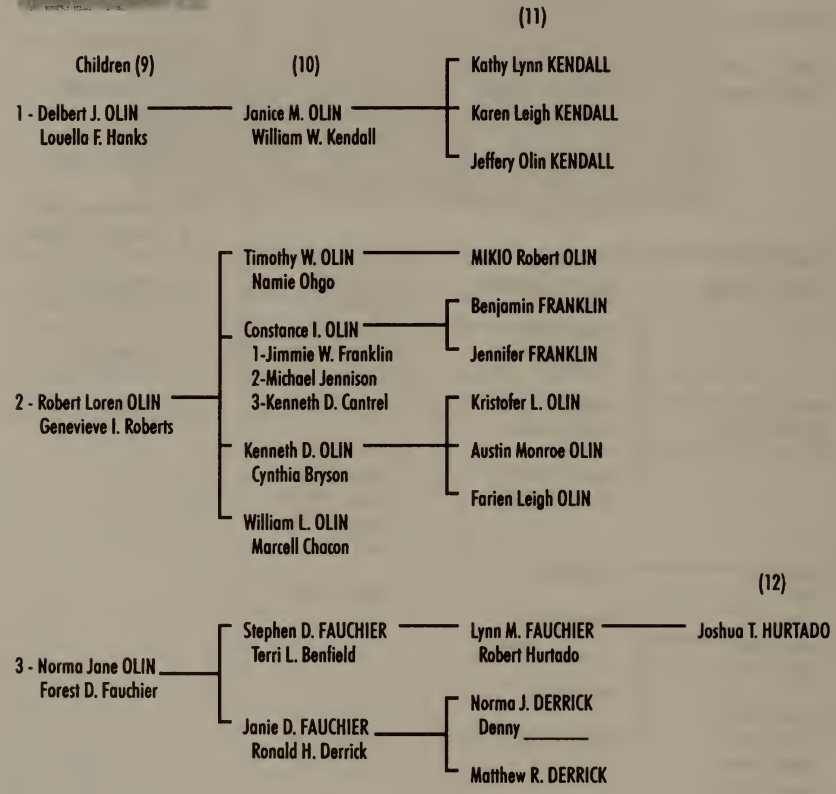

CHART 17 MARTIN S.OLIN (6) AND JANE D. BROWN'S CHILDREN

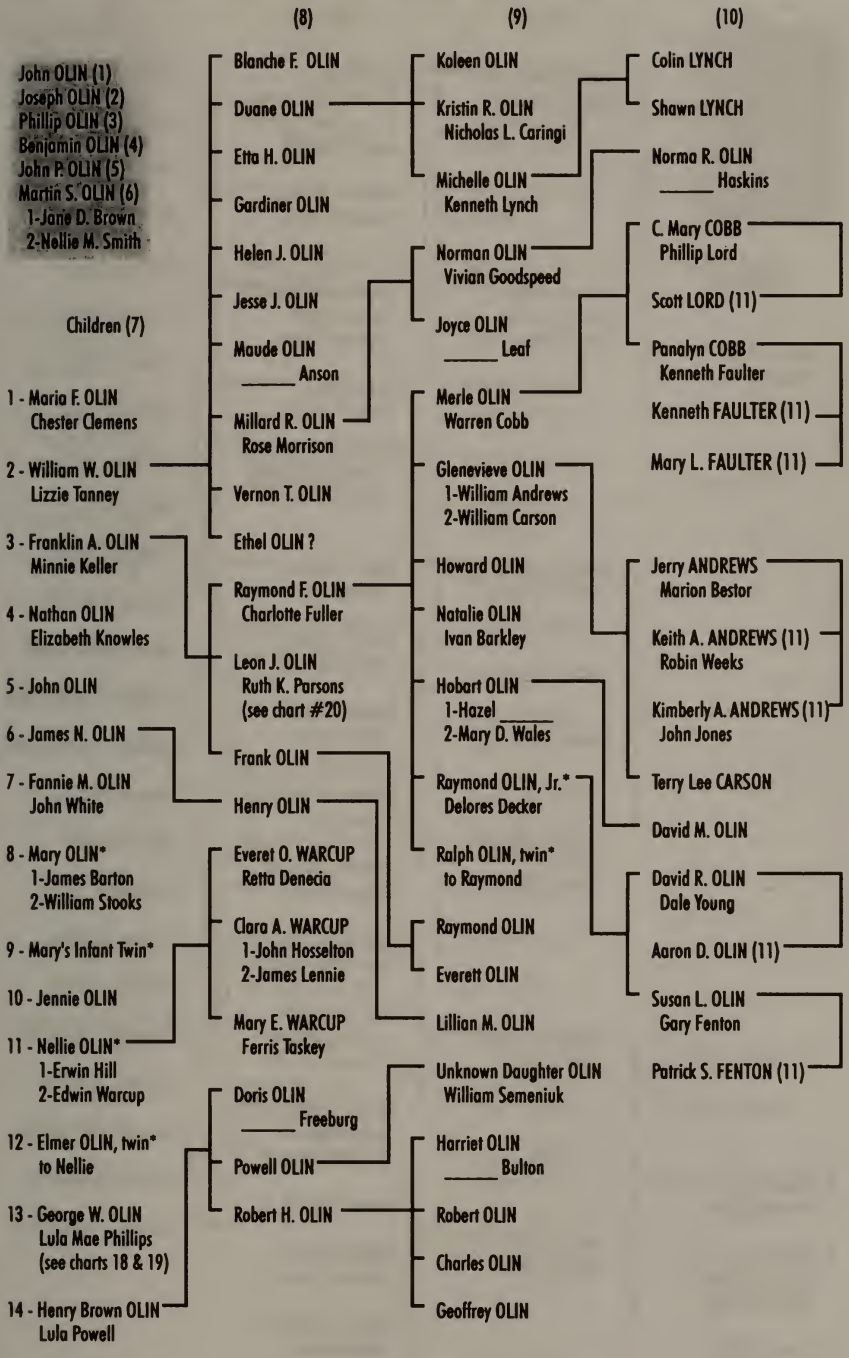

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CHART 18 GEORGE W. OLIN (7) AND LULA MAE PHILLIPS'S CHILDREN

John OLIN (1)
Joseph OLIN (2)
Phillip OLIN (3)
Benjamin OLIN (4)
John P. OLIN (5)
Martin S. OLIN (6)
George W. OLIN (7)
Lula Mae Phillips

Children (8)

1 - Emma L. OLIN
Ellsworth L. Bush

2 - Grace I. OLIN
Frederick Millen

3 - Dorothy M. OLIN
1-Robert Baldwin
(see chart #19)

4 - George P. OLIN
Mary M. Decicio
(see chart #19)

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Francis O. BUSH
Antonia Genpolous

Eleanor L. BUSH
1-Joseph Demers
2-Louis Gulla

Elizabeth A. BUSH
Clarence H. Kinney

Marion I. BUSH

Ellsworth L. BUSH, Jr.
1-Lillian J. Messer
2-Marie G. Rouzier

Barbara J. MILLEN
David R. Crosby

Joyce I. MILLEN
Francis E. Borza

Gertrude A. MILLEN
Charles Mitchell

(10)

Frank BUSH

Joseph P. DEMERS

Deniece A. DEMERS
Michael Hoffman

Lorna M. DEMERS
1-Dale Edwards
2-Michael Bibeau

Bettina GULLA
Russell P. Carr, Jr.

Clarence H. KINNEY, Jr.
1-Donna M. Piccarello
2-Jill D. Phelon

Nancy L. KINNEY
Alphonse Chamberland

Dawn M. KINNEY
Mark J. Mistretta

Diane G. KINNEY
Robert J. Lovett

Marion I. BUSH
James Sierra

Tamara A. BUSH
Charles Morales

Catherine A. CROSBY
Brian FitzGerald

David G. CROSBY
1-Patricia McGevna
2-Rachaelle A. Ash

Susan I. CROSBY
1-Bruce Reynolds
2-Michael Pettigrass

Francis E. BORZA, Jr.

Jeffrey E. BORZA
Adriene S. Conner

Charles F. MITCHELL
Lora BarRelle

Scott R. MITCHELL

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Melanie A. HOFFMAN

Mandy K. HOFFMAN

Michael C. HOFFMAN

Dustin W. HOFFMAN

Katlyn M. BIBEAU

Ashley M. BIBEAU

Russell P. CARR

Anthony M. CARR

Kristen B. CARR

Kali E. CARR

Rebecca M. KINNEY

Matthew R. KINNEY

Krysta CHAMBERLAND

Caylie E. CHAMBERLAND

Jayden C. CHAMBERLAND

Abigail E. MISTRETTA

Ryan J. LOVETT

Benjamin C. LOVETT

Richard J. SIERRA

Victoria L. SIERRA

Samantha J. MORALES

Haley E. MORALES

Laura G. FITZGERALD

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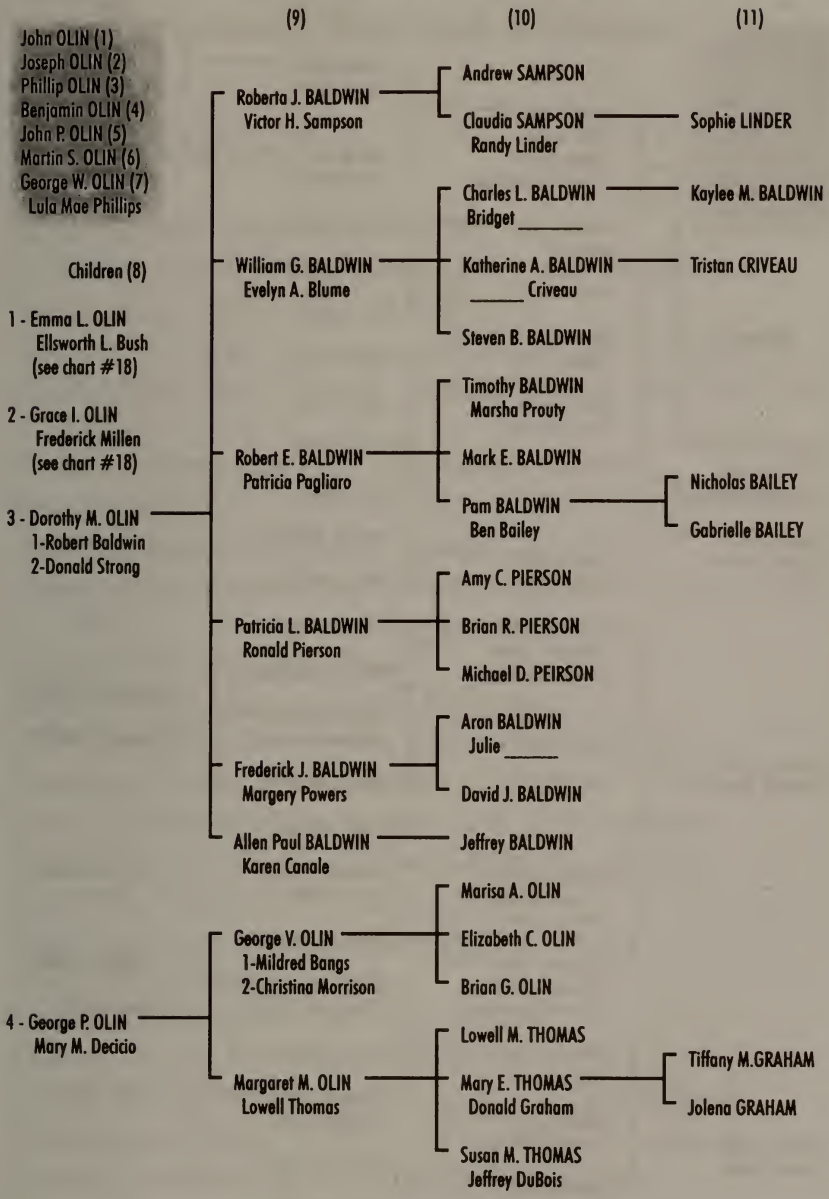
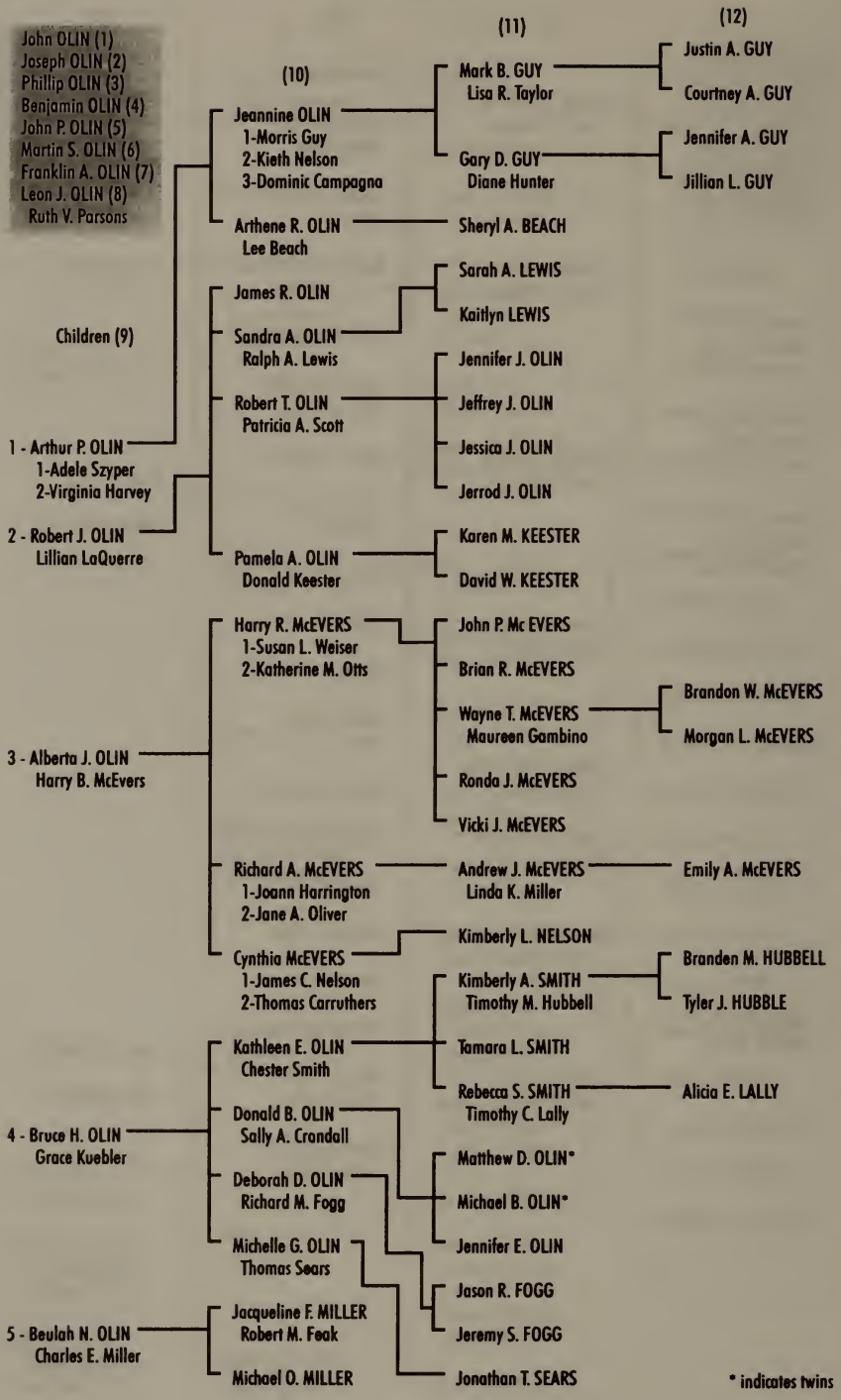


CHART 20 LEON J. OLIN AND RUTH V. PARSON'S FAMILY



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PART VI

Benjamin Olin (5) and Susan Partlo/ Partlow Family

"Time is hastening on and we
What our fathers are shall be. -
Shadow-shapes of Memory !
Joined to that vast multitude
Where the great are but the good,
And the mind of strength shall prove
Weaker than the heart of love."

– Whittier

Chapter 18

Benjamin (5) and Susan Olin's First Born Twins: Eliza Ann and Ezra (6)

Benjamin, eldest child of Benjamin and Sally Olin, born 19 September 1796 in Preston Township, New London County, Connecticut, was the first to continue the generations of Olin/Olan of that given name. On the day after Christmas, 26 December 1824, Justice of Peace, Stephen Avery, pronounced Benjamin Olin and Susan Partlo/Partlow husband and wife. They were married in Stonington, Connecticut, where Susan was born in 1807.

While living on newly acquired property in North Preston, Susan Olin gave birth to a set of twins: Eliza Ann and Ezra Olin, in 1826. The twins lived a full life and raised several children.

The Olins continued to live in New London County, Connecticut. Meanwhile his sister, Harriet, and brother, George, were married in midwinter of 1825. That following spring, Harriett and George left

Connecticut with their spouses to reside in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County, New York. Three years later, 1828, Benjamin Olin, his pregnant wife, Susan, and their twins followed Harriet and George to Oneida County, New York. They rented a place on the south side of the Mohawk River in the Town of Whitestown where Susan gave birth to Emeline in 1828. North of the Mohawk River and almost across from Benjamin, in the Town of Marcy, his sister, Harriet Hall and brother George Olin had established permanent residence.

In 1836, Benjamin Olin's finances allowed him to purchase fifty-six acres with buildings for $783.58 in the Town of Whitestown, property that he had been renting. Benjamin sold the same farm in 1839 for $1,287 and took his family, which had increased by five more children who were born in Whitestown, to New Centreville near Sand Bank, Albion Township, Oswego County, New York.

Sand Bank received its name from the first settler, Peter Henderson. Peter had a team of oxen with a lumber wagon which he drove into the clear fresh water of the Salmon River. He speared the unwary salmon with his pitchfork and often filled his wagon. Peter drove his load to Rome where his purchasers raved over the size, ten to forty pounds, and the amount of fresh fish in a load. When asked where he got the fish, Henderson would say, "In the sand bank." Hence, the fisherman was known as Henderson from Sand Bank. Peter's sand bank was the large hill of sand near the river. New Centreville was a postal hamlet on the railroad, only three miles from Sand Bank.

Benjamin Olin fulfilled his civic duties by serving as Justice of Peace for four years. He and Susan were well respected by the community and worked hard to become prosperous farmers.

The 1850 census indicated what the 53 year old Benjamin Olin was worth in property value. His ninety-acre farm plus the buildings was estimated to be worth $1200. Other items listed showed:

Acres of land improved	35
Acres of land unimproved	55
Value of farm implements	$35
Number of horses	0
Number of milk cows	2

Other cattle including 2 teams oxen	7
Number of sheep	13
Number of swine	7
Value of livestock	$122
Bushels of Indian corn	150
Bushels of oats	30
Bushels of buckwheat	30
Tons of hay	12
Pounds of flax seed	10
Value of animals slaughtered	$10

Benjamin Olin was by no means a wealthy farmer; yet he provided well for his family. He purchased the Centerville farm in 1839, paying "ten hundred dollars" to Charles Price. Benjamin Olin, written as Olive, was shown as living in Albion and his wife living back in Oneida County. In 1851 Benjamin Olin sold the same 82 1/2 acres to his son, Ezra for $300 but continued to live there. Ezra was working out, had been saving his money, and apparently was favored by his father.

The original farm of Benjamin and Susan Partlow Olin in Pineville, Oswego County, New York, during the mid- to late-1800s. Photo dated 1989.

Photo courtesy of Emilia Olin

Benjamin Olin became discouraged trying to eke out a living for his family. In 1851 a gang of thieves worked the Oswego to Watertown area. This gang never stole horses or cattle, just hogs and chickens. They took eighteen large hogs and twenty three small pigs from

Benjamin Olin's farm. Benjamin knew who took them, was able to recognize his hogs, but the thieves lied for each other. The lawyers favored the thieves who pocketed what little money they could. Benjamin persisted in prosecution, finally winning back thirteen sows and their litters of new born pigs. He then sold his farm to Ezra.

Unlike his father, who had a set of twins who died in infancy, by his first wife, Sarah Olin, young Benjamin and Susan had two sets of twins; all four children surviving through productive marriages. Benjamin and Susan had a total of ten known children: twins; Eliza Ann and Ezra, born in Preston, CT, six born in Whitestown, NY, namely: Emeline; Susan; twins William and Harriett; Daniel; and Russell, plus two born in Albion, NY: Benjamin F. and George W. Olin.

ELIZA ANN OLIN (6)

Eliza Ann Olin, a twin to Ezra, born 1826 in Preston, Connecticut, married Fayette Whitney, born 1820, son of Cornelius and Rhoda Whitney. This marriage took place in Albion and all were buried in the Pineville cemetery. Three of the boys died when they were young. The Whitney sons and brothers were: Delos P., born 1845 and died 1848; Dewitt C., born 1848 and died 1883; Duane F., born 1854 and died 1857; Dwight F., born 1856 and died 1869; and DeEstin, DeAlton, DeLacy and Dee.

EZRA OLIN (6)

Ezra Olin, twin of Eliza Ann, was born 1826 in Preston, New London County, Connecticut. After his parents, Benjamin and Susan Partlow Olin, had made their final move and settled in Albion Township, Oswego County, New York, Ezra and his younger brother William were farmed out to work as servants for the wealthy Charles Rice family. Ezra had accumulated savings that allowed him to do two things he had dreamed of for years. First, he bought into the lumber business, paying cash. Then, the forty-six year old Ezra Olin married Alice Merriam about 1872. Alice was from Cicero, Onondaga County, New York and twenty three years younger than Ezra. She died in 1903.

As a lumberman, Ezra did not mind the long hours and hard work. But, he was obsessed with making money and noticed for his extremely frugal nature. While on the curb in front of a bank in Watertown, waiting for it to open, the bank's porter asked him to move along, thinking he was a drifter. The porter was quite embarrassed when the bank's manager greeted Ezra by name and a handshake, inviting him into the bank. Ezra always looked like a bum, even though he was well off. When his pants became worn or filthy he would either turn them around or inside out. He wore mismatched socks and shoes, anything to save a penny.

Ezra broke one of his legs while helping his men cut and saw logs in the forest. He would not let his co-workers take him out of the bush for medical attention until it was time for the next load of logs to go to the mill. He felt that it was a wasted, non-profitable trip if the men took only him to the mill without the logs.

Benjamin Olin had sold his farm in 1841 to his son, Ezra with the understanding that Benjamin and Susan would remain living there. Ezra's first income from the farm, about 1852, was $98.20 for 4.91 acres of right-away from the Watertown and Rome Railroad Company. The 1880 census showed that Alice Merriam's mother, Emeline Merriam, age sixty-six, was living in the Ezra Olin household as well as a thirty-three year old black male, Charles Baker, born in Maryland, who was named as a servant.

Ezra and Alice Olin had two children; a daughter, Maude M. Olin, born 1873, who married _____ Carney and William M. Olin, born October 1875, both in Albion.

Ezra Olin, son of Benjamin and Susan Olin, and his wife, Alice Merriam, are buried in the Pineville Cemetery, Oswego County, New York.

Photo courtesy of Emilia Olin

MAUDE M. OLIN (7)

Maude M. Olin, daughter of Ezra and Alice Olin, was born in 1973 at Albion, Oswego County, New York. This is the same year that the United States Postal Service issued its first penny postcard. It made a big hit with the public, and by the turn of the century it became the most popular form of communication. The cards were dressed up with family photos, events, places and designs for all the holidays. Black and white was not replaced by color until World War I.

Maude M. Olin married _____ Carney.

WILLIAM M. OLIN (7)

The only son of Ezra and Alice Olin, William Merriam Olin, born October 1875 in Albion, suffered the whims and orders of his father. He never had a penny in his pocket until he reached maturity, when he left home. Ezra was tough taskmaster, keeping William busy on the farm from age six, and from age 14 to 21 in the woods and mill.

One of William's first experiences after leaving home was helping a neighbor re-shingle his barn roof. It was a terribly foggy day but the shingling must go on. After an hour, the neighbor called a halt. It seems that the fog was so thick the shingled roof was extending five feet beyond the edge.

1932 — William M. and Maude Lester Olin with some of their children. Left to right: Vernon; Irene Hazel Barnes, Mildred Olin Barnes, Glen Barnes, Ruth Olin, Maude Olin, William M. Olin and Ezra William Olin.

Photo courtesy of Esther Woodward

William M. Olin married Maude E. Lester, born 1879 in Boylston, Oswego County, New York about 1896. William and Maude had eight children: Mildred E. Olin; Vernon D. Olin; Alice M. Olin; Laura A.

Olin; Glen Olin; Rex Olin, who died an infant; Ruth A. Olin; and Ezra William Olin.

Maude Lester Olin died in 1945. William married again to Mary Coon. William died in 1962 and was buried in Altmar Cemetery, Oswego County.

MILDRED E. OLIN (8)

The first child born to William M. and Maude Lester Olin, Mildren E. Olin, born 1897, married Glen Barnes, born 1897, a laborer from Richland about 1920. Glen was born on the official date that the United States became involved with the Spanish-American War. His marriage happened around 1920, soon after World War I. After surviving two major wars, Glen Barnes, not overly enthusiastic about religion, had a special account of his life: "The first time one goes to church he has water thrown on him, the second time he has grain thrown on him and the third time he has dirt thrown on him."

Glen and Mildred Barnes had a daughter, Irene Hazel Barnes, born 22 March 1921, who married Clifford Craig. Mildren Olin Barnes died in 1952 and Glen Barnes died in 1970, both buried in the Richland Cemetery.

Vernon D. Olin, son of William and Maude Olin, about 1950.

Photo courtesy of Esther Woodward

VERNON D. OLIN

William M. and Maude Lester Olin's first son, Vernon D. Olin, was born 3 September 1899 in Altmar, Oswego County, New York. He was married about a year to a cousin, Alice Carvay, of Montrose, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. Later he married Ann Eloise

Makuen about 1938. Vernon and Eloise Olin had three sons born in Syracuse, New York: John Vernon Olin; Keith Vernon Olin; and Mark Vernon Olin. The sons' middle names are "Vernon" on public records, yet Makuem and Merriam are the family's middle names for sons John and Keith, respectively. Keith explains what happened.

> "My mother wanted to name me Keith Merriam Olin, but my father preferred Keith Vernon Olin. That is how he entered my name on the birth certificate. When my brother was born fifteen months earlier, my mother chose the name John Makuen Olin. My father entered the same middle name, Vernon, on his birth certificate as well. So we both had the same middle name, but as we grew up, we used the middle names that our mother had chosen. When the third boy, Mark, was born, mother gave up and agreed to the middle name of Vernon. Anyone observing our birth certificates might come to the conclusion that our father had a big ego, or was very stubborn. Both were the case."

Keith Vernon/Merriam Olin tells of his father's early years.

> "Vernon grew up in a large family of eight children in the Richland area of Oswego County, New York. The family was poor. Successful farming was difficult due to gravelly, sandy soil. As a boy, Vernon would go out to bring the cows in for milking. On frosty mornings, he would deliberately walk his bare feet into fresh cow manure trying to keep his feet warm. To save time, he often took his horse across a railroad trestle, which was a very dangerous and risky thing to do. One misstep and the horse's leg could have gone down between the railroad ties and broken. He also enjoyed trapping.
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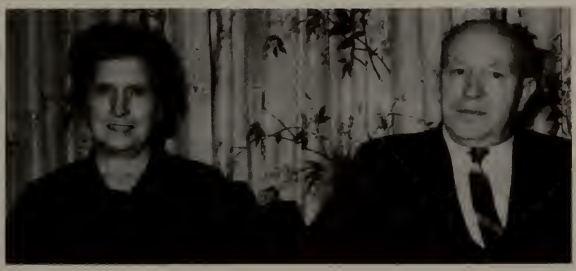
> "At sixteen, he ran away from home to join the Army, lying about his age, saying that he was eighteen. Later, the Army found out and he was given an honorable discharge. In later life, he wanted to attend college, but he needed a



Ann Eloise Makuen and her husband, Vernon Ezra Olin, 1965.

Photo courtesy Keith M. Olin

high school diploma. By completing three years of high school courses in one year, he was admitted to Syracuse University's College of Forestry. After his unsuccessful first marriage, my father, nearing forty, married my mother, Eloise Makuen, purchased the home farm in Richland and began farming. He disliked working with live chickens so they canned forty chickens the day following their marriage.

"My father was a very impatient man, always in a rush. One year, he planted corn when there was still severe frost in Oswego County. Everybody told him that he was crazy for planting corn, but he did it anyway. When it was time to harvest, the newspaper came and took pictures of his corn because it was the best corn ever grown in the county. My father was always on the move, doing something different. He sold the farm and taught school in Wappinger Falls on the Hudson River. Shortly after, he ran a grocery store in Parish and later in Altmar, Oswego County. He tried being a social worker in Oneida County's Welfare Department and a psychiatric social worker in Rome State School. At one point he ran for the State Assembly in the 34th district.

"My father built nearly every house in which we lived, putting us boys to work by his side. He also built houses for others and received his real estate license. He made his three sons work like dogs as we were growing up, from as young

as five or six years old.

"I remember him as a very staunch disciplinarian. He was quite a slave driver, but he did teach us how to work and gave us some important values. He was a very frugal man, buying most of our food from the "Reduced for Quick Sale" table. All our shoes were purchased as rejects with defects from Endicott Johnson. Although he was a talented man who had a lot of experience, he never became financially successful simply because he never stayed with one occupation long enough.

"My mother found my father to be difficult, but her Christian values kept her in the marriage. Mother, Eloise Ann Makuen, born 1907 in Goshen, Orange County, NY, was the middle child of three, born to John Cooper Makuen and Mazie L. Tuthill. John's father, an immigrant from Ireland, was considered to be a prosperous farmer in Goshen. Mazie's ancestors, Tuthill, arrived in America during the late 1600s.

"Mother graduated from the Goshen school system and entered Syracuse University to major in Library Science and she graduated with honors.

"She met my father, Vernon Ezra Olin, at the University. They were as different as night and day. She was from a wealthy background and he from poverty. She was not worldly, Vernon was."

However, 1953 records in Oneida County indicate that Eloise Olin was buying and selling homes and lots. On one such lot on Airport Road, she added a restriction that if a new house were built on it, it must cost over $9,000. She sold a barn in Whitesboro with a restriction that it could not be used as a residence for two years. Eloise Makuen Olin died March 1980 in Starke, Florida and was buried in the Crosby Lake Cemetery. Vernon Ezra Olin died four years later, 27 June 1984 in Jacksonville, Florida and was also buried in the Crosby Lake Cemetery in Starke, Florida.

JOHN VERNON/MAKUEN OLIN (9)

The first son born to Vernon and Eloise Olin was John Vernon Olin. No further information was submitted.

KEITH VERNON/MERRIAM OLIN (9)

Born on 7 June 1941 in Syracuse, New York, to Vernon and Eloise Makuen Olin, Keith Olin survived his harsh childhood years to become a successful and mature individual. Keith credits his father for his work ethic and his mother for encouragement. Again he writes of this.

> "My mother and I seemed to have a special bond. It was she who got me interested in raising heifers when I was in eighth grade. I had a bicycle paper route which earned me enough money to buy my first registered Holstein heifers. We worked together to build up a herd of seventy registered Holsteins. After caring for them for five years, my mother hired a man to help her while I went to college. She worked as the Librarian at the Utica College. This approach failed, so I took a year off of college to make sure the herd was ready for selling. The profit made from the sale made it possible for me to attend eight years of college debt free.
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> "During trapping season, I would get up at 4:30 am to check my traps before milking my cows.
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> "While at Cornell University, I was on the wrestling team. During my high school years, I played softball and ran track. I owned a horse and became a member of the Oneida County Mounted Sheriff's Posse.
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> "During the summer of 1961, while taking a course in chemistry at Cornell, I stayed at the home of my Professor of Vegetable Crops, Arthur Pratt, where I exchanged yard work for rent. I was weeding the Pratt's yard when I noticed a pretty girl sunning herself in the yard. She was called Robin, a niece of the Pratt family, who worked as a waitress in Johnny's Big Red Grill, a Cornell landmark near the Pratt home. That summer I went home and told my mother I had met the girl I was going to marry. We had not dated but I

still felt that way. Two years passed while I continued in the agriculture school and somewhat forgot Robin. In January 1963, I learned that Robin had graduated from Geneseo College and had taken her first teaching position in an Air Force Base school in Rome, New York, just a stone's throw away from my family's home in Oriskany. We got married on 13 July 1963 in the chapel of Annabelle Taylor Hall on the campus of Cornell University.

"That fall of 1963, I entered the College of Veterinary Medicine. It was an honor to be accepted into this school, as there had been over 800 applicants for only sixty openings. I plugged away at my studies that first year, finding them difficult, but determined not to let the college down. Limited time and money did not allow for any luxuries, so our entertainment for the week would be to take our garbage about two miles to the dump; returning home to study. Since we only had one car, we rented a house on Cayuga Lake from which Robin was able to ride with a neighbor to her school while I drove daily to Ithaca. Robin was good about letting me study quietly, without interruption. She often had papers to correct and lesson plans to prepare for her fourth grade class in Interlaken. The following summer, I again found employment while Robin stayed home giving birth to a son, Robert Keith Olin, born 22 July 1937 in Ithaca.

"In the fall of 1965, Robin was teaching second grade in the nearby South Hill School. We were fortunate to find a good baby sitter for Robert (Rob), so I joined the veterinary fraternity, Omega Tau Sigma, which allowed us to attend a few fraternity functions and allowed me to become involved in intramural football. Late on the afternoon of the East Coast Blackout, November 1965, I was playing football when some aggressive fellow broke my jaw. I am not much of a quitter or a baby, so I decided to stay in the game. The same fellow took a whack at me again and broke the other jaw. I was taken to the college infirmary while someone notified Robin. Because of the power outage, traffic in downtown Ithaca

was in gridlock, no one knowing the right of way at intersections. Gas pumps were inoperative. Robin said that downtown looked eerie with only car headlights showing. The doctors set my jaws and wired them shut. We put food through a borrowed blender, my favorite being V-8 juice and hot dogs which I managed to suck around in back of my teeth and swallow. During the next six weeks, I lost fifteen pounds and was looking forward to having my jaws unwired a few days before Christmas. I could taste turkey, gravy, potatoes, pie and all the trimmings, but to my horror, I found that my mouth was so stiff and sore that I could barely open it to eat.

"On 13 July 1966, our first daughter, Shannon Makuen Olin, was born on our third anniversary. Our income was quite low but Robin expected a dishwasher for her anniversary gift. Instead, I bought her wooden clothes pins and a Whitman Chocolate Sampler box. Inside the box were only four chocolates. Imagine my surprise when I was charged for them! I honestly thought that because it was called a sampler, it was free! I was too embarrassed to return them, so I paid the quarter.

"Just a few weeks after graduating from veterinary school, we were surprised with the birth of twin girls, Jacqueline Morgan Olin and Brynn Carmichael Olin, born 1 July 1967."

"On February 4, 1969, we had another daughter, Betsy Llewellyn Olin, our last child, who has the Olin family looks and nature. We thought it fitting to give her the Llewellyn name because at the time we believed the account of young John Llewellyn coming to America from Wales and changing his name to Olin. Now we know that this is a challengeable issue."

Robin Olin has submitted her interesting life story up to her marriage to Keith M. Olin. She begins with her parents:

"My mother grew up in America, graduating from a Philadelphia high school and receiving her bachelor's degree with honors in psychology from Vassar College in 1928. She taught at Wellesley, Hood, Goucher, Wilson and Elmira Colleges. She was working on a Ph.D at Columbia University when she met my father, Alexander Morton of Dunfermline, Scotland. Though her thesis was completed she married my father without finishing all of the required work. She felt since she would be moving to Scotland, she would not need the advanced degree.

"My father grew up in a prominent family in Scotland, graduating from high school and attending an art school in London. His family owns the Morton Sawmills, which continues to flourish today, in Dunfermline. His father founded the Dunfermline Orchestra. My father had artistic potential. Not content working in the family mill, he ventured to America to paint, where for nine years he barely subsisted. About 1936, he met my mother while both were living in the Village in New York City. They were married and went to Scotland to make their home and he began working at the family sawmill. Their first child was born on 27 December 1938. Her name was Christine Carmichael Morgan Morton, who married Robert Brothers, became an attorney, had two daughters, became a diabetic and died in the prime of her life."

"I was born on 16 December 1939 in Dunfermline, Scotland and was given the name Eileen Dalgleish Halkett Wardlaw Morton. (The practice of using family surnames as middle names is common in Scotland.) As I was rather red and scrawny and had downy hair when I was born, my father nicknamed me "Robin." The robins in Scotland are born around Christmas and so it made sense that he thought of me as his Christmas Robin. My birth certificate was already signed, but I was never called Eileen by any of my family members.

"The first eight months of my life were spent with

blackout shades over our windows every night. When World War II air raid sirens sounded, we all huddled under a closet stairway on the second floor. When the evacuation of British children to Canada began, my parents decided to apply for passage for my mother, my sister and me. Ours was the last ship that was allowed to sail to safety. We crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a circle eight pattern to avoid the possibility of being mined or torpedoed by the Germans. It took eighteen days. We had a little cabin in the bowels of the ship. My mother was worried that she would not be able to dress an eight-month-old baby, a twenty-month-old toddler and herself in life jackets and get us all the way to the upper deck in case of an emergency. For this reason, she dressed us daily in full gear and we sat on the upper deck in readiness. We arrived safely Halifax, Nova Scotia and, as land was sighted, mother heard a man near her say proudly, 'Aye, Britannia rules the waves.' She never forgot the pride of the experience, sharing it with her children.

"We lived in New York City; Baltimore, Maryland, and Ithaca, New York, where mother worked at various jobs in order to feed us and provide a roof over our heads. We returned to Scotland in 1944, when I was four years old. The British government was letting families return to the evacuated counties. But, since my father gave up our apartment (he had to remain in Scotland to work in the mill, which was critical to the building of ships) we found a small house in the fishing village of Lower Largo. The house of stone sat along the North Sea wall. The waves of the sea pounded on the wall of the house, making one room constantly wet. We lived in the other room that had a fireplace which burned coal that was still being rationed. Mother traded her "sweetie" rations with neighbors for cornmeal rations. While my mother cooked her American cornmeal dishes, the British children rotted their teeth. We lived off cornmeal mush, cornbread, Spam, rabbit, powdered milk and eggs, along with a few vegetables. We were allowed one real egg

once a week per family, which us two girls had every other week. We had heard of fruit and that it was juicy inside. What a disappointment when we had our first fruit, a banana, and discovered that there was no juice!

"I began school in Lower Largo at age four, as did all British children. Even though I was healthy, I was very frail, and the walk in the winter was too much for me, so mother kept me home. In a few months we moved in with the Binney family in Upper Largo, about a mile from the sea. We only had one room with the large, dirty, ragtag family who were actually very kind. After a few more months we moved again, this time to two rooms in 'Old Mr. Manclark's house.' We were comfortable and 'Old Mr. Manclark' seemed to like us for he gave us a very large, leather-bound Bible with brass clasps, which we still have today.

"The school in Upper Largo consisted of two rooms. The lower level children were in one room, sitting in tiers with the youngest, or perhaps in my case the slowest, in front. When work was completed we were not allowed to doodle or do anything creative, but we had to sit with our hands over our heads to show that we were done. Sometimes my little arms got tired in the air and they would gradually get lower and lower, only to be sharply rapped with a ruler on my often-cold fingers.

"One Christmas, the Polish soldiers who were stationed in our village threw a Christmas party for the village children. Materials were very scarce, gifts few, so the soldiers set about making gifts for the children. The biggest prize was a small Christmas tree decorated by the soldiers. Their large hands cut little pieces of straw about one inch in length and threaded them on thread with little pieces of colorful metallic paper interspersed between each piece of straw. How long it may have taken them to glue the front and back sides of the paper together and thread the chain is interesting to contemplate. Needless to say, I won the tree, which is why I tell the story. A large Polish soldier threw me onto his strong shoulders

and carried me and the Christmas tree home after the party. To this day, we add that chain to our family Christmas tree. My mother began saving the shiny milk bottle caps, which she made into small glistening stars. She was unable to make a good five pointed star, so she made a six-pointed Star of David. We include those stars on our tree every year.

"At the end of the war we returned to America through Ellis Island. We were detained due to having head lice. Finally we tried finding our luggage which seemed to be lost or stolen. Passenger's luggage was arranged alphabetically in groups so that one could easily find one's luggage. Fortunately, we had brought with us a large, ugly, brown suitcase that stood out amongst the other luggage on the dock and I recognized it as ours. Apparently, when the initial stickers had been put on the luggage, the tagger had put our "M" initial upside down, making it a "W" and consequently stacked it in the wrong pile.

"After a short stay in Poughkeepsie, New York, we moved to Brattleboro, Vermont, where mother gained employment as a proofreader in a print shop. Jobs were very scarce after the war because the American soldiers were returning home and were in need of jobs to support their families, so my mother felt really grateful to be employed.

"The second Christmas in Brattleboro, my sister and I had a whole dollar to buy a gift for mother. Knowing how she liked antiques, we went to a nearby furniture store and ordered a dozen ladder-back chairs for her. The owner did not laugh or ridicule us, but instead gently steered us toward a milk pitcher that had a colonial design. Mother was happy with the pitcher which has special meaning to our family as it sits in our corner cupboard today.

"Mother had given up her job in Brattleboro, so once again our destination became Ithaca, NY. Off we went on a Greyhound bus along the Molly Stark Trail. Possibly because we did not own a car, my sister and I suffered from motion sickness each time we were in a moving vehicle. There were

many times that taxi drivers wished that they had not taken us a passengers. I particularly remember this trip because we were finally old enough to ask the driver to stop so that we could do our sick routine along the Molly Stark Trail. Car sickness would haunt both of us until we learned to drive.

"In Ithaca, my Aunt and Uncle Pratt once again took us in, giving us a large bedroom to ourselves. It seemed like heaven; lots of furniture, glorious food, vegetable garden, small fruit orchard and a nearby playground. I remember the desserts after dinner and having a scooter that I rode 'round and 'round the park sidewalk. I would pretend to be a mailman delivering mail to my customers. Each tree that I stopped at was a mailbox.

"Mother found a job at Elmira College, thirty miles from Ithaca. She managed to save enough money to buy a large rooming house on the fringe of the Cornell campus. The money she received from students' room rent paid the mortgage and gave us a home of our own. When the paint began peeling from the front porch, paint was not affordable, so we girls used white chalk to cover the bare spots, My sister and I would sit and or play by the hours on the porch, either on the wide rail or the new wicker furniture. It was here that my sister and I began to harmonize our singing. Later we won several local talent contests over the years and even sang as a trio, 'Peter, Chris and Robin.' My sister, Chris, was engaged to Peter who went on to become Peter Yarrow of 'Peter, Paul and Mary' fame.

"Our rooming house was not all fun and games. Every morning, Gran, my sister, and I made the boy's beds and on Saturdays when mother was home, all the beds were stripped of linens and changed. All rooms were cleaned and the boy's one bathroom scrubbed. My job was to sweep the stairways and long halls and polish the banisters and railings of the staircase with lemon oil.

"My grandmother often had no idea where my sister and I played. We frequented the gorges in and around Cornell's

campus. We visited the bull barns, swam in Beebe Lake and spent many hours buying candy and comics at the College Avenue Smoke Shop. It is a wonder that we turned out okay.

"After four years of commuting to Elmira, my mother decided to find a job in Ithaca, sell the rooming house and buy a small home of her own. The new house had a front screened porch where we added porch chairs to enjoy the cool evening breezes. We have always considered this house to be our family home. My mother secured a position as proofreader at Cayuga Press, from which she later retired. She purchased several other homes in New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. This civic-minded woman created Morgan Morton scholarships and book funds for Vassar College students.

"I was a lot like my father, never knowing what I wanted to do, but since I liked children, I decided that I would become a teacher. I graduated from high school when I was sixteen, went two years to a religious college in Maryville, Tennessee, accompanied my sister for a year in Scotland, returned to Maryville to improve credits for admission to Geneseo State Teachers College, where I graduated as a full time teacher. The I met Keith Olin, my husband to be, for the second time in my life."

We continue the Keith and Robin Olin's humble saga with Keith telling of his family, wife and five children, his work experience and their beautiful restored Dutch home in Lancaster County, PA.

"We were able to buy our fist home when Betsy was about six months of age. After working as a veterinarian in an established mixed practice in Newton, New Jersey and in Flemington, New Jersey, I bought the total business in Flemington, where our last child, Betsy Llewellyn Olin was born. In 1977 I sold the highly profitable practice and relocated my family to Lancaster, County, Pennsylvania.

"This was quite a change for the family, a small farm

with dogs, cats, cows and safe roads for the children to ride their bikes as well as several safe swimming pools. I was working harder than ever. In 1983, the mixed veterinary practice where I worked split and I bought the large animal portion. We rented space from the New Holland Sales Stables and stocked it with veterinary supplies. This turned out to be a great success. The sales stable is one of the largest auctions east of the Mississippi river, so we had a lot of potential customers right next door to our business.

"In 1988, my wife Robin, our son, Robert, and myself took on additional responsibilities by establishing a small animal clinic and farm store. We work among the Amish and Mennonite dairy farms with their livestock, including horses. Having worked at this profession for thirty years, I am thinking of retirement, probably to raise Holsteins on our 75 acres.

Keith and Robin Olin summed up their work philosophy of restoring this stone house by inscribing a new date stone with the following words, "Work and ye shall be rewarded."

Photo courtesy Keith Olin

"In 1991, we bought an old stone farmhouse that was built by a German man named Jacob Ringwalt. We researched the home and restored it back to its original look. The 5,000 square foot farmhouse was built in three stages. The first stage was built in the 1700s. The second stage, in 1810, was added by Jacob's son to accommodate his eighteen living children. We built the third stage to house a new kitchen and bedroom. Our work did not go unrecognized, as we were awarded the C. Emlin Urban Award for preservation by the Historic Preservations Trust of Lancaster.

1978 photo of Keith and Robin Olin's family. Their only son, Robert, sits next to his mother, while the four daughters stand. Left to right: Betsy, Shannon, and twins Brynn and Jacqueline.

Photo courtesy of Kieth M. Olin

ROBERT KEITH OLIN (10)

The first child and only son of Keith and Robin Olin was Robert Keith Olin, born 22 July 1964 in Ithaca, New York. Today, as an adult, he measures six feet, five and three-quarter inches, a height not fully recognized in the Olin family. Several branches indicate a much lower height of around five feet, four inches. By the age of four, Robert began to show quite a talent for drawing, spending many hours with

pencil and paper, crayons and paints. It came as no surprise that he decided to major in art at Penn State. Today, Rob works in the family business, selling farm supplies, assisting in small animal surgery, ground maintenance and general office work.

In 1994, Robert Keith Olin married Jayne Louise Miller, a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Jayne has a degree in art from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and works as a professional interior designer.

Rob and Jayne have two children: Peter Nicholas Olin, born 14 February 1996 (Valentine's Day) and Margaret Catherine Olin, born 27 February 1998. Both were born in Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

SHANNON MAKUEN OLIN (10)

Keith and Robin's first daughter of three, Shannon Makuen Olin, was born 13 July 1966 in Ithaca, NY. She graduated at the top of her class from Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts. Shannon is presently a physical therapist concentrating on manual myofascial cranial therapy.

JACQUELINE MORGAN OLIN (10)

Keith and Robin Olin had twin daughters, Jacqueline Morgan and Brynn Carmichael Olin, born on 1 July 1967 in Ithaca, New York. They live close to one another and have that unique bond that twins seem to share. Jackie graduated from Boston University with a degree in physiology and human anatomy. She continued her goal of becoming a Doctor by earning a master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Pittsburgh and her Ph.D. in holistic nutrition. Jackie's real interest lies in research on the effects of food and exercise on the human mind and body.

BRYNN CARMICHAEL OLIN (10)

Keith and Robin Olin's other twin daughter, born 1 July 1967 in Ithaca, New York, Brynn Carmichael Olin, is a natural swimmer and runner like her sisters. She received her MA degree in social work from the Northeastern College in Boston, Massachusetts. While at

Northeastern, she met and married Robert Gilchrist Osgood, an English major from New Hampshire. Robert and Brynn Osgood made their home in New Market, New Hampshire, where they are raising three sons: Nash Morgan Osgood, born 10 April 1994; Pierce Makuen Osgood, born 16 July 1996; and Peyton MacGregor Osgood, born 23 April 1998.

Brynn works with autistic children and as a home-visit social worker.

BETSY LLEWELLYN OLIN (10)

The youngest child born to Keith and Robin Olin, Betsy Llewellyn Olin, born 4 February 1969 in Flemington, New Jerwsey, earned her BA degree in family studies from the University of Delaware and married a fellow student, Karl Robert Saatman. They made their home in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, where they are remodeling a beautiful Victorian house. Betsy is the child care director at the Lititz Recreation Center, overseeing five locations. Karl is building his own landscaping business.

Frank and Alice Sampson with their daughter, Mary, ca 1929.

Alice M. Olin, daughter of William M. Olin, born 1907 and married to Frank E. Sampson, 1927.

Photos courtesy Esther Woodard

MARK VERNON OLIN (9)

Mark Vernon Olin was the third son born to Vernon D. Olin and Ann Eloise Makuen. He married Elaine Oeschger.

ALICE M. OLIN (8)

William M. and Maude E. Olin's third child was Alice M. Olin, born 1907 in Altmar, who married Franklyn Sampson, a milk station employee, on 29 March 1927. Franklyn was the son of Andrew Sampson and Jennie Lago. Franklyn and Alice Sampson raised their three children: Mary A., Frank E., and William A. Sampson, on their dairy farm, known as "SAMPSON FARM" near the village of Altmar. Franklyn really enjoyed the aroma of onions, raw or cooked. Whenever Alice peeled and prepared onions for a meal, Frank would hold Alice's hands to his nose just so he could inhale the milky residual smell of onions.

Alice Olin Sampson was appointed Administrix for her brother, Ezra W. Olin's estate in the early 1970s. She sold two vacant lots across from each other near the corner of Old State Road and Rome Street in Altmar for $1,000.

Franklyn Sampson died in 1974 and Alice Olin Sampson died in 1986.

MARY A. SAMPSON (9)

Mary Alice Sampson, born 1927, married James Scott. Her first child was Nancy Sampson. She and James Scott had four children: Carolyn, Mary Alice; Frank; and William Scott. Mary Alice Sampson Scott died in 1963.

FRANK E. SAMPSON (9)

Franklyn and Alice Sampson's second child, Frank E. Sampson, born 23 June 1933, married Ethel Patterson. They had five children: Barbara; Karen; Franklyn, Jr.; Carl; and Eugene, all born in Syracuse, New York. Ethel Mary Patterson Sampson died in 1976. Frank E. Sampson was married a second time to Joan Coe. They continued to operate their dairy farm in Richland, New York.

BARBARA LOUISE SAMPSON (10)

Frank E. and Ethel Sampson's first child, Barbara L. Sampson, born 11 June 1957 in Syracuse, New York, married Albert Nurse on 28 June 1975. They had two daughters: Elizabeth Mary Nurse, born 16 July; and Amy Eileen Nurse, born 21 July 1980; both in Syracuse, New York. Barbara Louise Sampson Nurse married a second time to Michael Dority, 3 July 1987 and they live in Central Square, New York.

KAREN LYNN SAMPSON (10)

Frank E. and Ethel Sampson's second child, Karen L. Sampson, born 31 December 1958 (a tax break) in Syracuse, New York married David Hilton on 25 July 1981. They had one daughter, Paula Sue Hilton, born 27 January 1983 in Watertown, New York. Karen and her daughter, Sue, make their home in Richland, New York.

FRANKLYN EUGENE SAMPSON JR. (10)

Frank E. and Ethel Sampson's first son, Franklyn Eugene Sampson, Jr. was born in Syracuse, New York. Although there is a difference in the spelling of Frank and Franklyn, young Franklyn was officially named as Junior. He married Regina Marie Miller on 14 June 1980. Franklyn was born 21 March 1960 and Regina was born 28 February 1961. Franklyn and Regina Sampson had three children: Margaret Anne Sampson, born 26 December 1983; Tiffany Marie Sampson, born 17 July 1985; and Clinton Frank Sampson, born 6 February 1991. The three children were born in Syracuse, New York and live with their parents in Williamstown, New York.

CARL WILLIAM SAMPSON (10)

The second son and fourth child of Frank E. and Ethel Sampson, Carl William Sampson, born 15 February 1964, married Robin Maynard on 4 December 1982. They had one daughter, Mary Francis, born 15 September 1983, who died the following day. The marriage was not successful. Another daughter, Heather Sampson, was born 30 March 1985 in Syracuse to Evelyn Duerr. Carl Sampson and Evelyn

Duerr were never married to each other. Evelyn has since married _____ Ryan. Carl Sampson is living in Malory, New York.

EUGENE STEVEN SAMPSON (10)

Born 10 April 1966, the youngest child of Frank E. and Ethel Sampson, Eugene Steven Sampson married Brenda Metiott. They had a son, Mathew Sampson, born April 1988 in Oswego, New York. Eugene's second marriage to Vicky Bose in 1988 produced two children: Christina Marie Sampson, born 12 January 1990: and, Eugene Steven Sampson, Jr., born 5 January 1991, both in Syracuse, New York.

William Sampson, son of Frank and Alice Sampson, ca 1946, stands in front of his one-room school-house near Altmar, New York.

Photo courtesy Esther Woodward

WILLIAM A. SAMPSON (9)

Frank and Alice Sampson's youngest of three children, William A. Sampson, born 29 February 1940, married Ruth M. Smith and had six children: Kenneth Wayne Sampson, born 7 August 1958; Scott Andrew Sampson, born 24 October 1960, who married Deena Gorman; Mark William Sampson, born 8 October 1961; who married Teresa Wilson; Glen Frank Sampson, born 1963 and died six months later; and, twins; Frank Edward and Glen Russell Sampson, born New Years Day, 1 January 1970.

William A. Sampson was a professional 'over-the-road' truck driver. He had a second marriage in a 1984 to Sharron Trumble Dupont.

LAURA A. OLIN (8)

Laura A. Olin, the fourth child, born 1909, to William M. and Maude E. Olin, was married on 9 August 1926 in Altmar to Louis Anson, son of Spencer Anson and Pricilla Donovan. The Anson children were: Merle L.; Vera Marie, born 31 January 1933 who

Glenn Olin, age 77, in 1987 discussing family history in his home in Richland, NY

Glen Olin's general store and gas pump in Richland. His wife, Gertrude DeGarmo Olin, poses with their dog, about 1940.

Photos courtesy of Esther Woodard

married _____Scott; Carl Edwin, born 11 October 1938; Linda Lee, born 4 June 1943 who married ____ Armstrong; and, Patricia, born 3 August 1945 who married _____ Allison. All the siblings relocated to the State of Florida except Linda Lee Anson Armstrong who resided in Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, New York.

Louis Anson labored at many jobs: farm hand, truck driver, machine operator at Camden Wire Mill and Altmar Town Highway

Department. He died in 1983. Laura Olin Anson worked many years in a basket factory, retiring in 1965, at which time the couple went south to Florida where they enjoyed their children as well as the climate. Laura Anson died 15 August 1987 in Oswego, New York when she was taken ill while attending a family wedding. She and Louis are buried in the Altmar Cemetery.

GLEN OLIN (8)

The fifth child of William M. and Maude E. Olin was Glen Olin, born 29 December 1910. He married Gertrude DeGarmo on 14 September 1929 and had two daughters; Lois E. Olin, born 26 September 1931 and Glenda E. Olin, born 25 October 1949, both in Richland, Oswego County, New York. Glen graduated from the Altmar High School after which he elected to become married and to begin serving the people of Richland as its Postmaster continuing throughout the 1930s. Over the years he owned and operated a grocery store, a bar with restaurant and OLIN'S automotive garage, all in Richland. Glen was a staunch supporter and member of the Richland Fire Department.

Glen Olin's wife, Gertrude DeGarmo, was a rather small lady with beautiful dark brown wavy hair and large dark eyes. She assisted Glen in his general store with efficiency and a ready smile.

Glen Olin died 16 March 1991 in Watertown, New York and he was brought back to Richland where he was buried beside the rest of his family. His wife, Gertrude had died almost thirty years earlier in 1963. Their daughter, Lois E. Olin, was fourteen when she was killed by a drunk driver. She was crushed between two parked cars. His surviving daughter, Glenda Olin Derr married first, Reginald Pappa, and second, E. Derr, and continues to reside in Richland. The marriage of Glenda Olin and Reginald Pappa resulted in four children: Eric Glen Pappa, born 30 March 1968; Jina Marie Pappa, born 6 July 1969; and twins Kathy Ann and Keily Beth Pappa, born 16 November 1970.

The Canadian OLAN's met their state-side cousins and fell in love with Glenn Olin during the Olin Reunion held 1989 in Richland. Jo-Anne Fair Moriarty of Millbrook, Ontario, Canada, had this to say about Glen Olin:

"In 1989 we had the pleasure of meeting Glen Olin, grandson of Ezra Olin (6) at Richland. Ezra had gotten married quite late in life, enabling us to meet his grandson. This kind, wonderful and dear man was just as pleased to meet his Canadian cousins as we were to meet him. The following year, 1990, Glen questioned why the Canadian flag was not represented. An American flag flew proudly outside the Half-shire Historical Society Museum Building. Glen attended, recognizing the "Canuck" faces. He told me that he thought a Canadian flag should fly beside the Stars and Stripes. Had I brought one? No! He asked if I could sketch a Canadian flag on paper. Well! Artwork is not one of my achievements. Not even to draw a flag. Brent Olan, teenage son of Marguerite and Bill Olan was drafted for the job. He quickly drew up a diagram which I gave to Glen. An hour later Glen returned with a cloth Canadian flag and a bucket of ice cream for the children. His good lady friend, Doree Machlen, a handy seamstress, made an exact replica of the Canadian flag. Glen was given an ovation for his

Glen Olin of Richland, Oswego County, New York proudly presents a homemade Canadian flag at the 1990 OLIN reunion held at the Half Shire Historical Society in Richland. Left to right: Akito (Jean) Olin, Joseph Fair, Glen Olin, Donald Olin and Judith Olin.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

considerations. Brent was given the honor of holding the flag from reunion to reunion. A note from Mrs. Machlen was delivered with the flag: "With the compliments of Doree Machlen. May the Lord be good to our Canadian neighbors."

Glen Olin was able to have a friend make the Canadian flag that Brent Olan, son of William and Marguarite Olan, designed from memory, 1990.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

After this encounter, I received a letter from Glen of Richland. It read:

"How nice to hear from my Canadian kin. I appreciate the pictures and was only glad I was able to supply your flag that you might feel more at home and feel more akin to all our kin in the U.S. I felt Brent would be proud and would undoubtedly have more a feeling of family and the land in which he lives. I hope to enjoy your company in 1991." Sincerely, Glen.

"Glen died in March, 1991. That summer's reunion, five of his Canadian Olan third cousins traveled to Richland: Louisa Laurence and Marjorie Hawkins (sisters) and Vera Carr; and Edna Guthrie and Stella Kennedy (sisters). There was the loss of Glen, but the OLAN ladies did meet Olin sisters, Esther Woodard and Juanita Pretory of Redfield and Altmar, respectively, who were also third cousins. Glen and these seven ladies shared the same great-grandparents. It was a rare opportunity to have met.

"The five Ontario ladies visited the property their great-grandparents farmed and where their Grandpa, Ben Olin, was raised. The house was the original, still rugged with some updated changes. The barn had burned and was rebuilt.

Esther Olin Woodard, our host guide, had informed the present owners that there would be an OLIN/OLAN reunion on a specific weekend, with some coming from as far away as Ontario, Canada. They would like to view the property and stroll around. The owners obliged by absenting themselves for the day."

"Later the five Canadian OLAN ladies stood as a group at the grave site of Benjamin and Susan Partlo Olin, their great-grandparents."

REX OLIN (8)

Rex Olin was born ca 1915 and died an infant.

RUTH A. OLIN (8)

Ruth Almira Olin, born 15 September 1920, in Altmar (mid-wife Mrs. Mary E. Calvin) died, age 13, from an accident involving her brother Glen's car.

EZRA WILLIAM OLIN (8)

The last child born to William M. and Maude E. Olin, Ezra W. Olin, was born 22 December 1923 and died unexpectedly in October 1967. He had served his country during World War II in the US Infantry. Upon returning home from the service, Ezra W. Olin married Edith Britton. They had three Olin children: William, who married Brenda Rogers; Sherrie, who married Wendell Barber; and, Lillian, who married Mike Trumble. Ezra became a heavy duty equipment operator. He was fatally burned in his vehicle on the street in Altmar. His tombstone has a tractor etched on it.

Chapter 19

Benjamin (5) and Susan Olin's Daughters: Emeline, Susan, and Harriett (Twin to William)

EMELINE OLIN (6)

The third child of Benjamin and Susan Partlo Olin was Emeline Olin, born 1828 in Whitestown, Oneida County, New York. She married first to Morgan Duell and had a daughter, Emily Elizabeth Duell, born 19 July 1856 in Richland, where the Duells had made their home. About 20 years later, 1875, Emily Duell married Isaac Newton Stowell, a local farmer. Isaac Stowell, born 23 October 1851 in Orwell, was the son of Linus Stowell. Emily Stowell died 2 June 1900 at Sandy Creek, and Isaac Newton Stowell died 19 November 1908 in Orwell.

The Stowells had three children. The first was Berton Newton Stowell, born 10 September 1876 in Orwell. The second was Orla Edwin Stowell, born 14 September 1880 in Sandy Creek, who became a tool maker by trade. Orla married Grace Nellie Kingsley, born 3 June 1881 in Onondaga, New York, the daughter of William and Harriett Barnes Kingsley. Orla and Grace had a daughter, Zilpha Adaline Stowell, born 15 September 1906 in Syracuse, New York.

The third child was Nellie Estella Stowell, born 4 August 1884 in Boylstown. She married Albert Delos Watkins in Pulaski 20 March 1904. Albert Watkins was born 22 June 1880 in Albion, the son of George and Mattie Crawford Watkins. Albert and Nellie Watkins had a son, Melvin E. Watkins, born 19 January 1905 at Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York.

Apparently, Emeline Olin's first husband, Morgan Duell, died shortly after the birth of their daughter, Emily, in 1856. Emeline Olin Duell married the second time to Elias R. Dingman, who was born 18 August 1830 in West Brunswick, Montgomery County, New York. He was first married in 1851 to Minerva Bragdon and had five children. After returning home from his time in the Union Army during the

Civil War, Elias discovered that his wife and children were living under another man's roof and wished to remain there.

Elias Dingman finally gave up on any conciliatory attempts, changed his location in the state, found Emeline, and started a new life. He and Emeline had four Dingman children: Julia, Clara, Flora, and Herbert. Emeline Olin Duell Dingman died in 1906 and was buried in the Orwell Evergreen Cemetery.

SUSAN OLIN (6)

Benjamin and Susan Partlo Olin's fourth child, Susan Olin, born 1830 in Whitestown, Oneida County, New York, married Isaac Newton Gurley at Altmar, New York on 3 December 1845. (This Isaac Newton is the third Isaac Newton found in the Olin family given names while researching this book. The Britisher, Sir Isaac Newton, 1642–1727, lived the same years as our John Olin (1), and proved to be an outstanding world scientist.)

Isaac Newton Gurley was born 1820 in Rupert, Vermont, and died 14 June 1876 in Altmar, New York. He had a younger brother, Ferdinand Levi Gurley, who accompanied Susan Olin's younger brother, Benjamin Olin, on his first trip into the woods of Ontario Province, Canada. Isaac and Susan had five children born in Altmar, three of whom survived through infancy.

ALICE ELIZABETH GURLEY (7)

Isaac and Susan Gurley's first surviving daughter, Alice Elizabeth, born 31 October 1846, married W. Irving Eastman, Attorney at Law. They were married in Altmar in 1869 and had no issue. Alice Eastman died 4 May 1884 in Altmar.

CHARLES NAHUM GURLEY (7)

The first marriage for Charles Nahum Gurley, born 9 April 1848, was to Emma Hydorn. Emma was born 1854 in Altmar, the daughter of Philip and Jane Hydorn. Their marriage, 29 September 1874, terminated two years later upon the early death of Emma on 24 August 1876. She had given birth to a son, Charles Newton Gurley, in July 1876, who died about six months later on 27 February 1877.

It took four years for the farmer, Charles N. Gurley, to recover from his double loss. Meanwhile, he gave up farming to become a hotel keeper in Sandbank. He returned to farming after his second marriage on 23 December 1880, in Altmar, to Carrie J. Edgar, daughter of David and Mary Edgar. Charles N. Gurley was pleased to have five children born in Altmar: Mary Alice, born 15 September 1881; Charles Newton, born 8 April 1884; David Orlando, born 19 August 1888; Frank Edgar, born 9 June 1891; and Willis Harold, born 4 January 1894.

Tragedy struck again on 28 July 1894. Charles Nahum Gurley died from over-exertion while cradling a field of rye.

ADA MARY GURLEY (7)

The third surviving child of Isaac and Susan Gurley, Ada Mary Gurley, born 8 April 1850 in Altmar, married Milford Clarence Brooks of Orwell, where they made their home. The Brookses had two children: Susie F., born 9 December 1868, who married _____ Bredel; and Newton Charles, born 24 September 1878. Ada Mary Gurley Brooks died 26 April 1888 in Orwell. Milford Brooks, a cheese maker in Orwell, married again, to Doris Johnston Cowell, daughter of Austin and Sarah Cowell of Spencer, Tioga County, New York.

Ada Gurley became an accomplished "needle painter," or what was more commonly known as an embroidery artist. Her mother taught her the basics of cross- and chain-stitching before Ada began her first year in school. One of her school teachers recognized Ada's talent and gave her a book that illustrated other types of stitching. During her short life, Ada made dozens of picturesque samplers with colored threads featuring the alphabet and homilies as well as fancy pillow covers and doilies.

HARRIETT OLIN (6)

Harriet Olin, twin to her brother William, was born in 1833 in Whitestown, Oneida County, New York. Their parents, Benjamin and Susan Partlo Olin, were proud to have had two sets of twins. Their first two children, Eliza Ann and Ezra, were also twins.

Harriett Olin married Orlando Towsley, born 1827, and they

had three (perhaps more) children: Hiram C. Towsley, born ca 1852, who died at age five in 1857; Francis M. Towsley, born ca 1855, who died at age two in 1857; and Ellie C., who married Jonathan Prior and had a child, Musie, born 1873, who married _____ Trim and died in 1946.

Diseases such as cholera, scarlet fever, diphtheria, smallpox, and typhoid fever were contagious and caused many deaths. Quarantine, inoculation, vaccination, and antibiotics, along with improved sanitary facilities and refrigeration, have greatly improved the survival rates of both young and old. As with all families, the Olins were not immune to disease epidemics. Others in the Olin family, besides William and Harriett Olin, lost their young loved ones, often more than one at a time. An epidemic of cholera struck Plainfield, Connecticut in 1849, with disastrous results.

Harriett's strength deteriorated after her futile battle to save the lives of her young children. Orlando Towsley was concerned and brought in his sister, Phebe, to take charge as housekeeper and cook. She had the help of a man servant, John Woodruff. Phebe also brought her 14-year-old son with her. Orlando also had other hired farm hands.

Chapter 20

Benjamin (5) And Susan Olin's Sons: William, Daniel and George William Olin (6)

WILLIAM OLIN (6)

William Olin, twin to his sister Harriett, was born 1833 in Whitestown, Oneida County, New York. William and his brother, Ezra, worked for Charles Rice, a well-to-do farmer whose farm was within a couple of miles of the Olins. When William Olin became twenty-one years old, he left the Rice farm to marry Lydia Lyons, a twenty-year-old girl from Albion. After his marriage in 1854, William worked in local sawmills.

William and Lydia Olin had five known children: Franklin Olin born 1854; Libbie Olin, born 1856, who married _____ Bates; Hattie Olin, born 1858, who married _____ Powers; Nettie Olin born 1860 who married _____ Thorp, and moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut; and Kittie Olin, born 1862 who married _____ Ackley. Their daughters appear to have nick-names. Possibly Libbie for Elizabeth, Hattie for Harriett, Nettie for Antonette and Kittie for Katherine.

William became a skilled sawmill operator, often moving his family near to productive mills within Oswego County. He was unable to accumulate enough money to purchase a mill of his own. Intrigued by enlistment pay, twenty-nine-year-old William Olin enlisted in the Union Army on 10 July 1863. He was mustered in as a private "unassigned" to serve for three years.

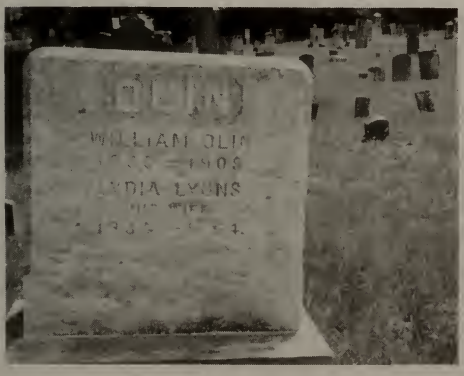
Unfortunately, his wife Lydia died in early 1864, leaving the young children motherless as well as fatherless. William's mother and father also died in 1864. William was devastated. His children were practically homeless, no mother, father in the service and paternal grandparents dead. He asked for a discharge from the U. S. Army but was refused. William felt that his only option was to desert the army and return home to his children.

The Olin loggers and mill owners were a tough breed who had strong bodies and strong horses to cut and haul timber logs to the mills. ca 1900

Photo courtesy Half Shire Historical Society.

William Olin's name appeared on the New York State 1894 Adjutant General's Report as William Ollen. Given the circumstances, no effort was taken by the Army authorities to have William brought back to stand trial for army desertion.

After his children married and left home, William Olin married again in 1880 to Sarah Tyron, widow of Jeremy Mattison. Hard work and determination earned William the right to become owner of several saw mills manufacturing lumber and shingles in and around Albion. After forty prosperous years, he retired from the lumber business and he bought a small farm in Centerville. Two years later, he purchased a much larger and productive farm in Orwell. William Olin died in 1909 and was buried in the Pineville Cemetery.



William Olin, son of Benjamin and Susan Olin, and his wife, Lydia Lyons, are buried in the far left corner at the Pineville cemetery.

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William maintained excellent pasture fences on his retirement farm in Orwell. He pastured several horses at a time, charging ten cents a day for short tailed horses and twenty cents a day for long tailed horses. William claimed the difference in price was due to the short tailed horse needing to shake flies from its head, thereby not eating as much grass as the long tailed horse.

FRANKLIN (FRANK) OLIN (7)

William and Lydia Olin's only son, Franklin Olin, born 1854, became a shingle maker in one of his father's mills. He was married to Rosie/Roxie Reese, who was born 1842 in Altmar. Rosie Reese Olin died in 1902 and Franklin Olin died in 1919, both in Altmar. Frank and Rosie Olin had six children of their own and shared their home with three more.

MARY ANN OLIN (8)

Their first child, Mary Ann Olin, born 1872, married Delarm LaCelle about 1891 in Albion. Delarm, born 1871, and Mary Ann (sometimes called Mayme) LaCelle had one son, Clyde LaCelle, born on New Year's Day, 1893.

CLYDE LACELLE (9)

Clyde LaCelle married Goldie Mae Stowell on 14 August 1915 in Richland. Goldie Mae Stowell, daughter of Ernest L. Stowell and Maude Mae Middleton, was born 4 March 1896. Clyde's parents, Mary Olin LaCelle, died 1941, and Delarm LaCelle died 1947.

GRACE OLIN (8)

Franklin and Rosie Olin's other daughter, Grace Olin, born 1876, married George Waite and had a son, Howard Waite and possibly a daughter. Franklin and Rosie Olin's sons were: Ben, born 1874; Roy, who drowned as a youngster in the Hogback Road mill pond; Fred, born ca 1881, married Charity/Carrie _____ and had two sons: Glenn and an infant who died; and George, born Christmas Eve, 24 December 1883.

GEORGE OLIN (8)

George Olin was employed as a mechanic on the railroad and married Bessie Mayetta Grant about 1906. Bessie Grant, daughter of Oren and Carrie Grant, a Canadian family, was born in 1886 in Rodman, Jefferson County, New York. She died 2 January 1963. George Olin died earlier on 27 June 1935. Both were buried in the Altmar Riverside Cemetery.

George and Bessie Olin had three children: Greta/Gretal, who married Arthur French and died 29 January 1962; Hazel L. Olin, born 1 June 1922, who married Raymond Campbell; and George Edward Olin, born 26 December 1917, who married Nellie Johnson, daughter of Harris and Marjorie Johnson, about 1948. George, Bessie and family resided in Williamstown, Oswego County, New York.

It was mentioned earlier that Franklin and Rosie Olin had three other children living with them. The 1880 census listed them as step-children: William LaCelle, born ca 1865; Martha LaCelle, born ca 1868; and Charles LaCelle, born 1871. Presumably, unconfirmed, they were children of Rosie Reese's earlier marriage. The children's birth years indicate a first marriage.

DANIEL OLIN (6)

The seventh child of Benjamin and Susan Partlo Olin was Daniel Olin, born 1836 in Whitestown, Oneida County, New York. He married Emma Butterfield and died 18 May 1881 in Altmar. Daniel and Emma Olin had no children.

RUSSELL OLIN (6)

Russell Olin, son of Benjamin and Susan Partlo Olin, and his marriage to Harriett Crocker and resulting family, are shown in Part VII, Chapters 21-24.

BENJAMIN OLIN (6)

Benjamin Olin, son of Benjamin and Susan Partlo Olin, and his marriage to Mary Jane Davis and resulting family is shown in Part IX and X, Chapters 27-34. This Olin family permanently left the United States to reside in Canada. Their surname, OLIN, changed to OLAN, yet a few members kept the OLIN surname.

GEORGE WASHINGTON OLIN (6)

The youngest child and the only child born in Centreville, Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York to Benjamin and Susan Partlo Olin was George Washington Olin, born 19 March 1841. He remained home a few years after completing his eight grades of schooling, helping his father on the farm. But bed and board without regular pay convinced him to strike out on his own. About 1858, George traveled to Connecticut where he found a job on a farm in Salisbury, Litchfield County in the extreme northwest corner of the state. George had cousins living in Salisbury and nearby villages. He worked full time but paid for his room and board, along with five other boarders, at the home of Henry and Calia Sage. His pay was good and his board was fair, enabling him to save some money.

However, his aging parents were struggling with the farm and their health. George returned home about 1862. His father, Benjamin Olin, died 2 February 1864 and his mother, Susan, died the next day. Others in the family took over the farm, leaving George free to enlist at Albion for service in the Union Army on 26 August 1864. He was assigned to Company D, 184th Regiment, New York Volunteers.

Four months later in December, George W. Olin received a bayonet wound in his right knee while assigned to a picket line at Harrison's Landing, Virginia. The wound had almost completely healed when George cut his right leg with a jack knife while adjusting his tent. He received an honorable discharge from City Point, Virginia on 12 June 1865, returning to Albion where he worked at odd jobs.

On 20 November 1872, George Washington Olin married Susan A. Eddy, daughter of Jerome Eddy and Margaret A. Rouse. Susan was born 12 April 1853 in Leray, Jefferson County, New York. Justice of Peace A. J. Shelley performed the marriage ceremony in the home of her parents who had moved to Albion. The marriage of 20 November 1872 produced two children: George Eddy Olin, born 19 January 1874; and Nellie Olin, born 26 December 1875. The Olins moved again, this time to a farm in Oriskany Falls, Madison County, New York where George Washington Olin became one of the area's more progressive farmers.

When his son, George Eddy Olin, brought home a wife in the winter of 1894-95, George W. and Susan Olin moved to Onondaga

County near Fulton in a hamlet known as Split-Notch until about 1907 when they returned to their Oriskany Falls farm. George W. Olin died on the farm 2 April 1909. Susan Eddy Olin died in Utica on Whitesboro Street where she lived after her husband's death. Both had received government pensions and both were buried in the Richland Cemetery.

GEORGE EDDY OLIN (7)

George Eddy Olin, born 1874, son of George and Susan Olin, married Flora E. Burnham, born 1865, daughter of William R. Burnham and Sarah M. Coe. Their marriage took place on New Year's Day, 1 January 1895. George E. and Flora Olin had one child, a son, Willard Burnham Olin, born 24 September 1897 in Madison County, New York. George E. Olin died 11 March 1946 in Altmar, Oswego County, New York.

George E. and Flora Olin sold parts of their accumulated properties in Oriskany Falls to the St. Joseph Cemetery and to the Village Water and Reservoir Works.

Flora Burnham had an older sister, Marietta, who kept a daily diary as did her father. Excerpts from both diaries as recorded in the book, *Roofs Against the Rains* by Marian Susan Porter Olin, daughter-in-law of George E. and Flora Olin include the following:

> "In 1851, William Rockwell Burnham wrote of a pleasant warm day, 4th of September, when the young folk attended a Barnum's Caravan for fifty-five cents. Barnum was twenty-five when he started in the amusement business. By 1835, he had several wagons, a large canvas tent, a few performers and a clown. He became the greatest showman of all times and by 1880 had joined James Bailey to become the largest traveling circus in the world, known as the 'Barnum & Bailey Circus.'"

William Burnham wrote 18 October 1880:

> "It was a cool day and I took my fifteen year old daughter, Flora, to visit her grandfather, Pa Coe. She also purchased a

pair of shoes for $2.75."

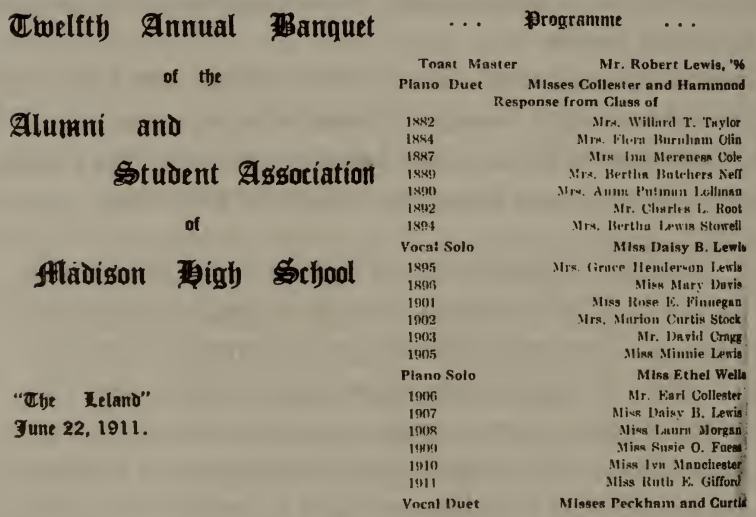
His entry on 25 September 1881 reads:

"We all went to church. Rev. Hardy preached the funeral sermon on President Garfield's death. Sarah, Mariah, Bert and Flora went in the evening."

Excerpts from Marietta's (Etta) diary relating to her sister, Flora:

"22 February 1873 - Blustery and cold. We helped Pa reline his Buffalo robe. I did Flora's hair up in papers."

"18 March 1873 - Pleasant and sunny. I went to J. Dolans in PM and Flora went to Uncle Albion's where Aunt Net helped cut out Flora's undershirt."



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"The Leland"
June 22, 1911.

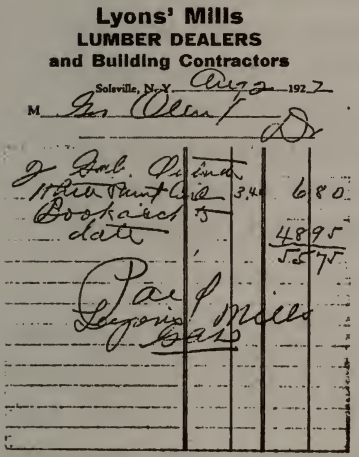
. . . Programme . . .

Toast Master	Mr. Robert Lewis, '96
Piano Duet	Misses Collester and Hammond
Response from Class of	
1882	Mrs. Willard T. Taylor
1884	Mrs. Flora Burnham Olin
1887	Mrs. Ina Mereness Cole
1889	Mrs. Bertha Butchers Neff
1890	Mrs. Anna Putman Lehman
1892	Mr. Charles L. Root
1894	Mrs. Bertha Lewis Stowell
Vocal Solo	Miss Daisy B. Lewis
1895	Mrs. Grace Henderson Lewis
1896	Miss Mary Davis
1901	Miss Rose E. Finnegan
1902	Mrs. Marion Curtis Stock
1903	Mr. David Cragg
1905	Miss Minnie Lewis
Piano Solo	Miss Ethel Wells
1906	Mr. Earl Collester
1907	Miss Daisy B. Lewis
1908	Miss Laura Morgan
1909	Miss Susie O. Fuess
1910	Miss Ivn Manchester
1911	Miss Ruth E. Gifford
Vocal Duet	Misses Peckham and Curtis

Flora Burnham, a high honor student, graduated in 1884 from the Madison Union High School in Madison County, New York. All twelve graduates each gave a five-minute oration or essay on their future outlook. Flora also gave a special recitation, *Good-Night Papa.* She went on to become one of the most talented and beloved speakers for her school alumni and her Congregational

Church. She continued her education by attending the Houghton Seminary in Clinton and the Normal School in Oswego. Flora returned to Madison County to teach in the one-room schoolhouse where she had begun her own schooling on the Burnham farm.

George Eddy Olin did not receive a formal education beyond eighth grade. In his pursuit of Flora Burnham, he vowed to become a progressive and prosperous farmer. Flora had no qualms about marrying this young man of visionary promises. To prove his point, George, during the first year of their marriage, secured a seat for agriculture lectures in the Academy Hall. The lectures were sponsored by the Farmer's Institute, forerunner of the Farm Bureau. Agriculture was changing. Farmers needed help in understanding the benefits of increased milk production and the methods to do so. The programs that George attended had lectures such as: The "Ins and Outs" of Butter Making; The Silo, How to Build and Fill; and The Use of Lime and Fertilizer.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George Eddy Olin and his wife, Flora Burnham Olin, purchased a farm in 1896 from Janette Albions near Oriskany Falls in Madison County. In 1917 they found it profitable to sell lots for a cemetery at St. Joseph's Church and to the Oriskany Falls Village Water Works.

Flora Burnham Olin died 31 October 1933 and George Eddy Olin died 11 March 1946. George had returned to Altmar, Oswego County, after Flora's death. Both were buried in the Madision Cemetery.

WILLARD BURNHAM OLIN (8)

Willard B. Olin, born 21 September 1897 in Madison, Madison County, New York, the only child of George Eddy and Flora Olin, married Marion Susan Porter on 2 April 1934 in Norwich, Chenango County, New York. Willard operated his father's farm in Oriskany

Falls while Marion taught school in nearby Madison. Willard continued with his father's methods of modern farming by acquiring a complete Case threshing outfit. This was a profitable business for his on-the-road services during the fall harvesting season.

Willard B. Olin and Marion Susan Porter had one son, Willard B. Olin, Jr. Willard B. Olin Senior died 17 April 1961 and was buried in the Madison Cemetery.

The following story is taken from the book *The Loomis Gang* by George W. Walter with permission of North Country Books, Inc., Utica, New York.

> "During the last half of the 1800's a notorious Central New York State family of horse thieves consistently operated outside the law. The family was known by reputation as 'The Loomis Gang' feared by those who tried to match or curtail their lawlessness.
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> "The Loomis farm straddling the boundary line between Oneida and Madison Counties, and with the wild stretch of the 'Nine-Mile Swamp' having a couple of grassy islands in its midst, made an ideal center for hiding stolen stock.
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> "County sheriffs and their deputies as well as judges and victims were powerless at times to control the horse thieving operation ranging between Canadian and Pennsylvania borders."

Members of the Olin family lived in the area and apparently escaped "Loomis Gang" attention until George Eddy Olin of Madison took a threshing crew to Plumb Loomis' farm in the fall of 1896. Olin did custom threshing and silo filling using his "oil pulls," one of the first in Oneida County.

> "Plumb's little farm was overgrown by brush. The oat crop looked poorly but the barn oat bin filled up quickly. Plumb ordered an early shutdown and an early startup in the morning. Meanwhile, during the night, Plumb removed the saddles and harnesses that he had hidden in the oat bin and had forgotten to remove. The next morning the oat bin was

practically empty ready for more oats.

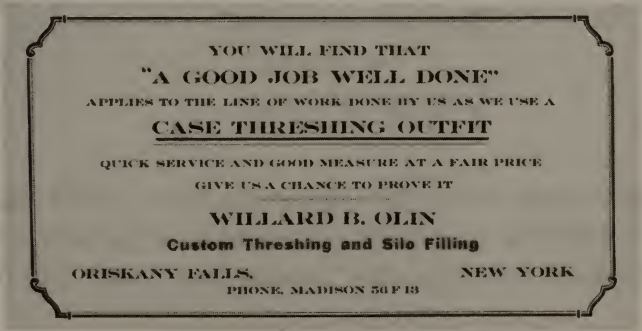
"George Olin and the threshers remained for the night, as was customary in those days. The house had no staircase, but there was a ladder leading to the loft. The rungs were built into the corner of the room, so the ladder was corner-wide. The men slept in the loft on beds made up on the floor in one large room.

"There was corn drying, hanging from the rafters, and shotguns hanging on the walls, Olin remembered. ' There were more guns than any of the men or myself had ever seen before.' Olin recalled that Plumb was smaller than most of the Loomis men and that Adeline, his wife, was very short and stout.

"During the night one of the men, who was already drunk, got up and went down the road to a neighbor's place where he obtained a jug of whiskey. As he came back into the house, Adeline met him at the door and tried to get the jug. The thresher slipped away from her and they started running around the room.

"Plumb entered the room and after watching the efforts of his wife, called encouragingly, 'Get him Adeline! Kill him! Kill him!'

"All the men in the loft were awakened by the noise, and they crowded around the ladder hole watching the fun below, cheering both their comrade and Mrs. Loomis. Adeline managed to get hold of the jug at last, and threw it on the floor where it broke.



"'I've worked all over the country,' Olin said, 'but I'll never forget the time I threshed for Plumb Loomis.'"

The following poem was composed by Marian Susan Porter Olin:

LONG AGO LEFT BEHIND

There are treasures in my attic
To find, to choose, to pick,
Debris of centuries ago.

There are dresses of dimity and calico,
Bonnets of blue for us all,
Ladies of centuries ago.

There are books and documents
So sincerely meant
And read centuries ago.

There are memories in my mind
Long ago left behind
To gather together for times to come.

There are pictures old and stories rare
To find together that we may share
The pleasures of centuries ago.

Some dull, some gay,
Some sad, some glad,
All shared,
Long ago left behind.

Marion Susan Porter Olin authored a book, "Roofs Against the Rains" in which she used family diaries and her experiences of country life in Madison and Chenango Counties, New York. She dedicated

her book to her son and grandson. Her father was a barber by trade and invested in real estate, largely responsible for the development of Locust Street in Norwich, Chenango County, New York. She was also a renowned poetess, having several poems published. She died 9 May 1985, twenty-four years after her husband's death and was buried in the Madison Cemetery.

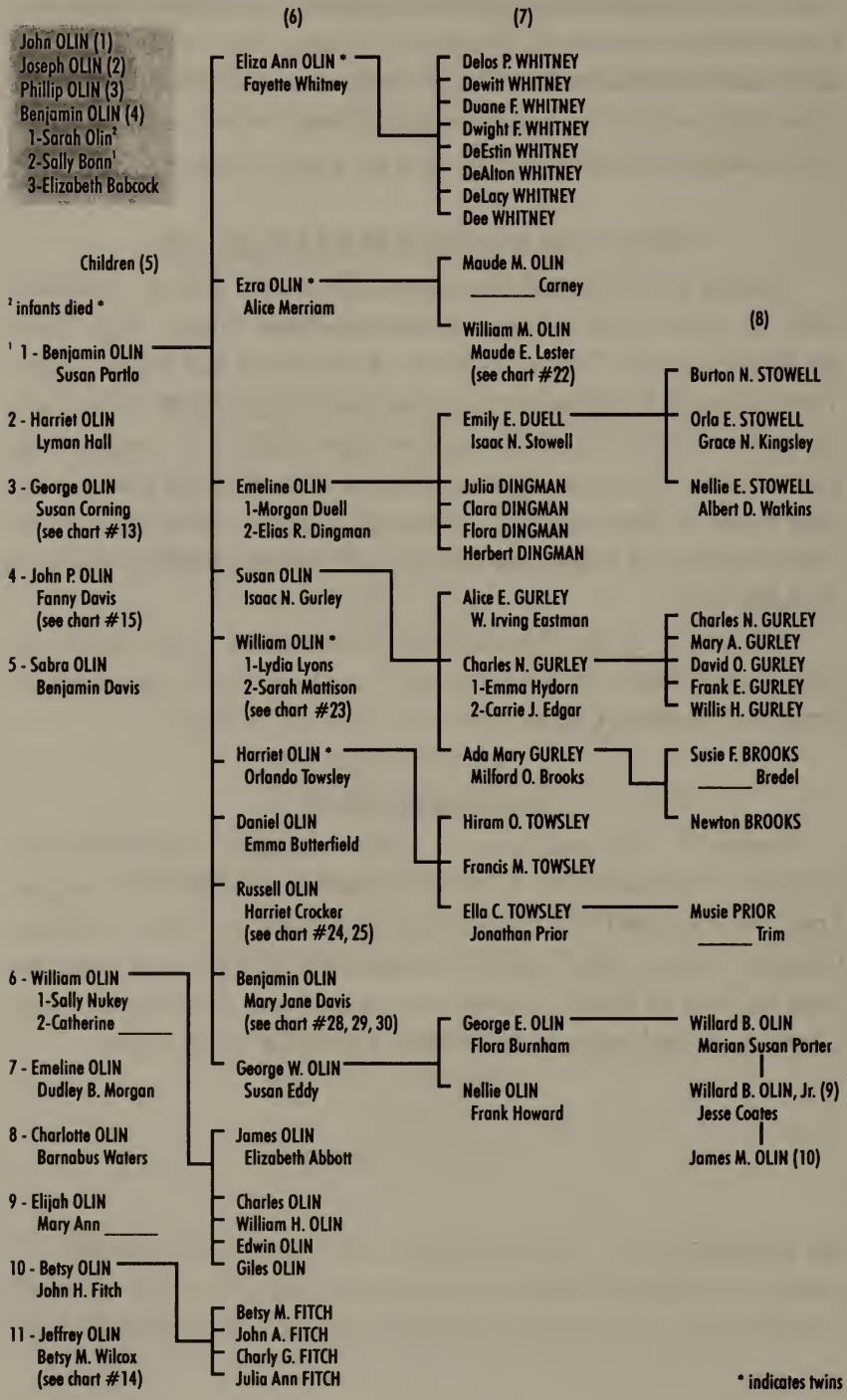
WILLARD BURNHAM OLIN, JR. (9)

Willard and Marion Olin's only child, a son, Willard Burnham Olin, Jr. was born 28 February 1936 in Madison County, New York. He married Jessie Coates, daughter of Archibald and Edith Coates. Their marriage took place in Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, the day after Christmas, 26 December 1964. Willard, Jr. served in the United States Army during World War II. He and Jessie finally made their home in Baldwinsville, Onondaga County where he runs his own business and Jessie works in sales. Jessie Coates Olin was born 22 April 1938.

Willard B., Jr. and Jessie Olin had one child, a son, James M. Olin, born 9 March 1970 in Syracuse, New York. James is a marketer living in Stamford, Connecticut.

NELLIE OLIN (7)

George W. Olin and Susan A. Eddy's daughter, Nellie Olin was born 26 December 1875, a belated Christmas present. She married Frank Howard, son of Adin Howard on 23 October 1895 in Altmar, Oswego County, New York. Adin Howard and William Burnham were the best of friends at home and in business, profiting from the Chenango Canal water trade between Utica and Binghamton.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2-Sally Bonn[1]
3-Elizabeth Babcock
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(7)
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Children (5)
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[1] 1 - Benjamin OLIN
Susan Partlo
2 - Harriet OLIN
Lyman Hall
3 - George OLIN
Susan Corning
(see chart #13)
4 - John P. OLIN
Fanny Davis
(see chart #15)
5 - Sabra OLIN
Benjamin Davis
6 - William OLIN
1-Sally Nukey
2-Catherine _____
7 - Emeline OLIN
Dudley B. Morgan
8 - Charlotte OLIN
Barnabus Waters
9 - Elijah OLIN
Mary Ann _____
10 - Betsy OLIN
John H. Fitch
11 - Jeffrey OLIN
Betsy M. Wilcox
(see chart #14)
Eliza Ann OLIN *
Fayette Whitney
Delos P. WHITNEY
Dewitt WHITNEY
Duane F. WHITNEY
Dwight F. WHITNEY
DeEstin WHITNEY
DeAlton WHITNEY
DeLacy WHITNEY
Dee WHITNEY
Ezra OLIN *
Alice Merriam
Maude M. OLIN
_____ Carney
William M. OLIN
Maude E. Lester
(see chart #22)
Emeline OLIN
1-Morgan Duell
2-Elias R. Dingman
Emily E. DUELL
Isaac N. Stowell
Burton N. STOWELL
Orla E. STOWELL
Grace N. Kingsley
Nellie E. STOWELL
Albert D. Watkins
Julia DINGMAN
Clara DINGMAN
Flora DINGMAN
Herbert DINGMAN
Susan OLIN
Isaac N. Gurley
Alice E. GURLEY
W. Irving Eastman
William OLIN *
1-Lydia Lyons
2-Sarah Mattison
(see chart #23)
Charles N. GURLEY
1-Emma Hydorn
2-Carrie J. Edgar
Charles N. GURLEY
Mary A. GURLEY
David O. GURLEY
Frank E. GURLEY
Willis H. GURLEY
Harriet OLIN *
Orlando Towsley
Ada Mary GURLEY
Milford O. Brooks
Susie F. BROOKS
_____ Bredel
Newton BROOKS
Daniel OLIN
Emma Butterfield
Hiram O. TOWSLEY
Francis M. TOWSLEY
Russell OLIN
Harriet Crocker
(see chart #24, 25)
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Jonathan Prior
Musie PRIOR
_____ Trim
Benjamin OLIN
Mary Jane Davis
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George W. OLIN
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Flora Burnham
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Willard B. OLIN, Jr. (9)
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Frank Howard
James OLIN
Elizabeth Abbott
Charles OLIN
William H. OLIN
Edwin OLIN
Giles OLIN
Betsy M. FITCH
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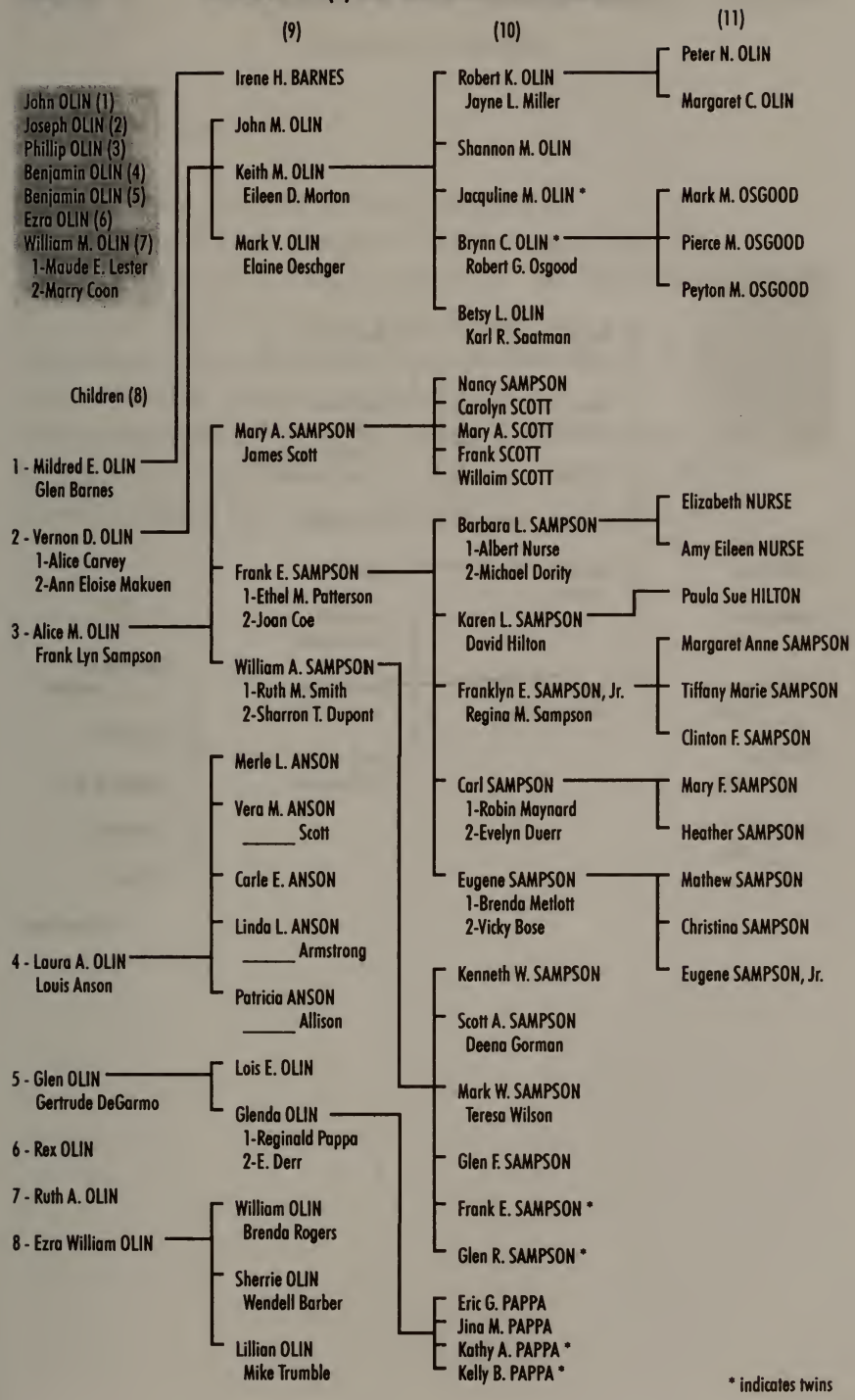
CHART 22

WILLIAM OLIN (7) AND MAUDE LESTER'S FAMILY



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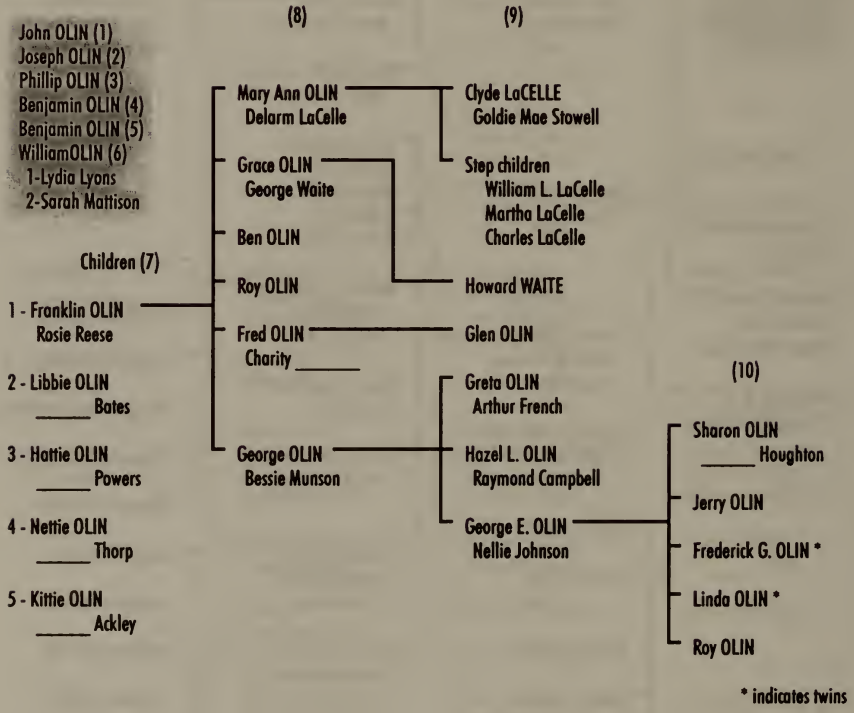
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Children (7)
1 - Franklin OLIN
Rosie Reese
2 - Libbie OLIN
_____ Bates
3 - Hattie OLIN
_____ Powers
4 - Nettie OLIN
_____ Thorp
5 - Kittie OLIN
_____ Ackley
(8)
Mary Ann OLIN
Delarm LaCelle
Grace OLIN
George Waite
Ben OLIN
Roy OLIN
Fred OLIN
Charity _____
George OLIN
Bessie Munson
(9)
Clyde LaCELLE
Goldie Mae Stowell
Step children
William L. LaCelle
Martha LaCelle
Charles LaCelle
Howard WAITE
Glen OLIN
Greta OLIN
Arthur French
Hazel L. OLIN
Raymond Campbell
George E. OLIN
Nellie Johnson
(10)
Sharon OLIN
_____ Houghton
Jerry OLIN
Frederick G. OLIN *
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Roy OLIN
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Part VI — Benjamin OLIN (5) and Susan Partlo/ Partlow Family

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PART VII

Russell Olin (6) and Harriett Crocker Family

There was a man in our town
Who found his name was mud;
He ran into a family tree
And lost one half his blood.
And when he had found what he had done,
With all his might and main
He ran into another tree
And got it back again.

— McLandburgh Wilson

Chapter 21

Russell (6) and Harriett Olin's Two Daughters and Five Sons

RUSSELL OLIN (6)

The fourth son, the eighth child, and the last to be born in Whitestown, Oneida County, New York, was Russell Olin. He was born on 11 December 1838, a few months before his parents, Benjamin and Susan Partlo Olin moved west to Centreville, Oswego County, New York. There were still a few Native American families living in the Centreville area whose children attended the same school with the Olin children. Russell benefitted from sharing living experiences with the other children, which helped him in his early marriage years.

When Russell was 15 years old, he worked for his room and board at the Morgan Duel farm. He married Harriett Jane Crocker and lived

in a shack on Salmon River for about a year before migrating to Ontario, Canada, to live with his younger brother, Benjamin, and wife, Mary Jane Olin, in Kendal. Their first child, Susan Estella Olin, was born in Kendal, Canada, in 1865. The Crocker family, Russell's in-laws, were deeply entrenched in Oswego County, New York. Harriett Jane Crocker Olin voiced her concern about living permanently in Canada and convinced Russell to return to Oswego County, New York.

Russell cut and sold firewood and assumed responsibility for maintaining and keeping the steam engine fired up in a nearby sawmill. The Olin's second child was born in Oswego County, in October 1866, in Altmar. His name was Freddie Russell, and he died when he was a year old on 10 September 1867 and is buried in the Pineville Cemetery. His marker, a marble stone, is etched with a wee lamb. When Harriett (Hattie) died 14 February 1888, in Orwell, and when Russell died 2 April 1910, in Mexico, New York, both were buried next to little Freddie Russell Olin in the Pineville Cemetery.

Russell was an outdoors man, working in sawmills and timbering. He tried trapping wild animals for their pelts, but soon gave that up because of the demanding routine checks on traps, regardless of weather. He and Elias Dingman, a brother-in-law, decided to hunt big game as a team, game such as deer and bear.

One day the two set out early to find a bear. Just before dusk they encountered a huge black bear. Each hunter shot once, killing the bear instantly. They were 12 miles from home at the headwaters of a small creek that flowed into the Salmon River. The bear was much too heavy to carry, yet it was a trophy bear, having many pounds of edible meat, an oversized hide, and beautiful claws. How could they get it home, to convince their friends of the bear's size?

Russell and Elias spent the night with the dead bear and agreed to try floating the bear downstream in the morning. It was very difficult at first because of low water and many rocks, but by the time they were nearly to the Salmon River, the swifter current and the bear were traveling at a much faster pace than they were. Disgusted and tired, the two sat down to rest before continuing downstream.

When they reached the north bank of the Salmon River, Russell and Elias joined a crowd of excited people. Lo and behold, their bear,

rescued from the icy waters, was stretched out on the bank. When Russell and Elias explained what they had done, they became local heros.

According to the 1900 census, Russell was living with his sister, Emeline Olin Dingman, and her husband, Elias Dingman. Russell Olin's wife, Hattie Crocker, died in 1888; his sister, Emeline, died in 1906; and Russell died in 1910.

The children of Russell and Harriett Olin were Susan Estella, Freddie Russell, Benjamin Sydney/Sidney, Lewis Edgar, Eugene H., Russell G., Mary Theresa, and Irwin. All were born in Altmar, except Susan Estella, who was born in Kendal, Ontario, Canada.

Information about the Benjamin S. Olin (7) family is found in Chapters 22–24. Information about the Lewis Edgar Olin family is found in Chapters 25–26.

SUSAN ESTELLA OLIN (7)

Susan E. Olin, born 1865 near Kendal, Canada, never married. She was exceptionally smart and ambitious. She graduated from Syracuse University in New York and wrote many short stories and novels. She particularly enjoyed artwork, spending hours painting outdoors and in her room at the family homestead. Susan died 24 March 1921 at the height of her potential career and was buried in the Altmar Cemetery.

FREDDIE RUSSELL OLIN (7)

Freddie R. Olin, the first child born in Oswego County, New York, to Russell and Harriett Olin died when he was almost one year old.

MARY THERESA OLIN (7)

The younger daughter of Russell and Harriett Olin, Mary Theresa Olin, born 4 October 1878 in Altmar, was known as "Minnie" in and out of her family. Minnie married Milton F. Carter, born in South Edwards, St. Lawrence County, New York. The marriage took place in South Edwards on 23 May 1896.

Milton Carter, the eldest son of Cornelius and Mary Elizabeth

Knox Carter, was educated in the Edwards Public School and at Wesleyan Seminary, Gouverneur, New York. He decided to adopt law as his vocation and pursued a preparatory course of reading and study in the offices of Earl and Bancroft, Esq., of Edwards, and under Judge E.H. Neary of Gouverneur. Milton Carter was admitted to the New York State Bar on 23 November 1893. His performance in various civic and public activities as well as his legal advice were highly respected. On 17 February 1910, New York State Governor Charles H. Hughes appointed Milton F. Carter to fill the vacant office of Judge and Surrogate in Lewis County.

In the year preceding the ailing Judge's death in October 1938, his wife Minnie had the honor of being the first woman drawn for jury duty in Oswego County. Judge Milton Carter died 5 October 1938 and was buried in the Lowville Rural Cemetery, Lewis County, New York.

Milton and Minnie Carter had six Carter children born in Lowville: Theodore R.; Ellsworth J.; Verna Ann; Ruth M.; Milton F., Jr.; and Margaret.

Theodore R. Carter, born 7 January 1899, resided in Syracuse, New York.

Ellsworth J. Carter, born 24 November 1900, graduated from Lowville High School in 1918, received his BA degree from Cornell University in 1922, and earned his LLB degree from Cornell in 1924. Ellsworth Carter was admitted to the New York State Bar in January 1925. His practice and residence were in Clayton, Jefferson County, where he also participated in public office, fraternal clubs, and his church. Ellsworth Carter had three sons: John, Richard, and Merle.

Verna Ann Carter, born 1 January 1905, married Clark L. Chase and taught school in Homer, Cortland County, New York.

Ruth M. Carter married Charles Knight and had a son, Robert Knight.

Milton F. Carter, Jr., born 12 October 1908, taught in his hometown Lowville school system. Milton Jr. married a school teacher, Katherine Brown, on 20 April 1954 and had no issue. Katherine was born 24 May 1910, the daughter of Ira Brown and Lena Cramer. She died 9 July 1993, and Milton Jr. died 7 October 1989.

Margaret Carter, born 15 September 1910, never married. She completed eight grades in the Lowville school. Either she had poor health or a fixed mind of her own. Her siblings had finished high school and had gone on to college. She did, however, make her name known in Lowville. When her parents decided to relocate to Lacona, Oswego County, during their final years, Margaret Carter gained possession of the Carter mansion in Lowville. She converted the mansion into "Carter's Tourist House," where she presided as the gracious host. Margaret died 8 December ____ in Lowville from complications of her broken left hip.

It is interesting to note the coincidence involving the Carter children's birthdays and holidays. Milton Jr. was born on Columbus Day, Ruth M. on New Years Day, Verna Ann on Christmas, and we can claim Theodore was born on the Eastern Orthodox Christmas.

EUGENE H. OLIN (7)

Russell and Harriett Crocker Olin's fifth child, Eugene Henry Olin, born July 1872 in Altmar, married Della Streeter. This particular family appears to be self-isolated from the rest of the Olin family. Perhaps it may be so because of two apparent suicides. Very little information has surfaced.

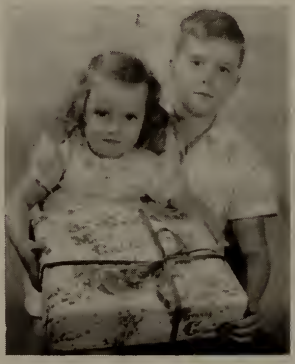
Eugene H. Olin, son of Russell Olin and Harriett Crocker and husband of Della Streeter. ca 1892

Eugene Olin and Della Streeter had two children, Milton Olin and Hazel M. Olin.

Eugene H. Olin appeared to be a successful poultry farmer in Lacona. He took his own life and was buried in the Sandy Creek Cemetery.

Milton Olin became a teacher, died by suicide 8 September 1923, and was buried in the Sandy Creek Cemetery.

Hazel M. Olin married a New York City attorney, Clyde Sorrel, and taught in the Jackson Heights High School in New York City. Hazel and Clyde Sorrel had two children, Clyde Sorrel, Jr., and Sue Sorrel, whom they adopted.



Sue and Clyde Sorrel, Jr., wonder what might be in the large Christmas package. They are the children of Hazel Olin and Clyde Sorrel. Hazel is a daughter of Eugene Olin.

RUSSELL OLIN (7)

Russell G. Olin, born 11 December 1874 in Altmar, was the sixth child born to Russell and Harriett Olin. He probably was married, because he has been credited with three children: a son and twin daughters, one of which died quite young, after age six.

Russell G. Olin's son and twin daughters. Russell was a son of Harriett Crocker and Russell Olin.

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ERWIN OLIN (7)

The youngest of Russell and Harriett Olin's children, Erwin Olin, was born 28 June 1884 in Altmar. He lived most of his life in Syracuse. One can assume Erwin married but had no issue. Family members claim his wife was much older than Erwin, but we do not have verification.

Erwin's 1927–28 New York State Chauffeur's License indicates that Erwin Olin was five feet, four inches tall and weighed 150 pounds. He had blue eyes and brown hair, and he owned a 1926 Ford.

CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE

Expires June 30, 1928

This is to Certify that the person named and described on other side has been licensed to operate motor vehicles as a chauffeur in accordance with the provisions of Article Eleven of the Highway Law.

COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES

IMPORTANT

The holder of this License can operate only the type of motor vehicle named on reverse side hereof. This card must be carried while operating a motor vehicle.

Notify this office at once of any change in your address. Any alteration or erasure made on this card, except a change of address, voids same.

REPORT ALL ACCIDENTS

Every operator of a motor vehicle involved in an accident resulting in a personal injury or death must report it to the Commissioner. Secure a blank from police, town, city or village clerk or any office of the Motor Vehicle Bureau.

FAILURE TO REPORT AN ACCIDENT IS A MISDEMEANOR

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Erwin Olin in 1927 when he applied for a New York State Chauffeur's License. Erwin was a son of Harriett Crocker and Russell Olin.

Benjamin Sidney Olin and Nellie Pinner Olin on their 50th anniversary, 1948, Watertown.

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Chapter 22

Benjamin S. & Nellie Olin's Children: Caroline, Richard, William, Earle, and Kenneth

BENJAMIN S. OLIN (7)

Benjamin Sidney Olin, son of Russell and Hattie Olin, was born 19 May 1868 in Altmar, Oswego County, New York. Like his father, he enjoyed playing with the Indian children, but by this time there were few Indian families left in New York State. Benjamin looked forward to spring when a family or two returned for the summer. The children played on his father's farm along Sheepskin Road for hours and hours. Benjamin learned many of the native chants, which he used later in life while rocking and singing to his children at bedtime.

Benjamin S. Olin disliked farming, although he did have a small farm that was needed to help support his growing family. He married Nellie Pinner on 19 April 1898 in Natural Bridge, 30 miles northeast

The winter of 1959 on the Benjamin S. Olin, Esther Olin Roser, and Richard A. Roser Farm in the Town of Altmar.

Photo courtesy of Esther Woodard

of Watertown in Jefferson County. Nellie was born 17 October 1881 in Spaulding, Lincolnshire, England, the daughter of Richard C. Pinner and Caroline Burton. Her maternal grandparents, Seth and Mary Ann Burton, also lived in England.

As was mentioned earlier, Benjamin S. Olin wanted no part of farming, but his English-born wife liked the farm atmosphere. They bought a small farm in 1905, shortly after the birth of their third child. Nellie went immediately into the chicken and egg business on their Pine Meadows farm. She acquired two small incubators and hatched her own eggs, to maintain a flock of 1,000 laying hens. About half of her hatched eggs would be male chickens which she raised for the meat market as broilers or fryers. Her reliable source of income was the high quality of her candled eggs that she packed and shipped to the markets in New York City. During the Great Depression, Nellie was shipping by mail dozens of eggs to Steers and Menke of West Washington Market In New York City. Prices for eggs received were: 34½ cents per dozen for extra firsts, 33½ cents for firsts, and 30½ cents per dozen for medium dirties. Nellie never shipped dirty eggs, and she packed them in special storage crates.

Shipping tag used to identify Nellie Olin's crates of eggs shipped by rail to New York City.

Nellie Pinner Olin's sister , Bettie, wrote the following letter from Carthage, New York, 24 December 1936. Nellie had given her sister two turkeys earlier in the fall.

"Say! My turkeys lived about three months and one was sick two weeks. I keep her in the house till it made me sick to look at her and was glad when the end came and the other was lonesome and made such a noise he most drove me crazy. I put him in with the hens and they not stand for such a looking bird with them. They all chased him so I took him out again. Hellen came over one day so I sold him for one dollar. She said can I put him with my hens. I said you can for all of me and we all laughed. Well it seems her hens did like him so she put him in with her chickens. At last he fell into a tub of tar. In it, I guess all night. So she cleaned tar off but he passed away. I don't want any more turkeys even if I do get them cheap."

Nellie Pinner Olin in her son Lloyd's apartment above her home in Watertown, New York.

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Benjamin S. Olin became a sawyer and woodsman, an occupation that he personally enjoyed. He traveled to where his skills were in demand. He would often be away from his family but did move them with him on occasion. His work took him as far north as Benson Mines in St. Lawrence County, New York, where he was employed for 10 years at Post & Henderson Sawmills. Winter travel, at times, was dangerous and cold. The family was fortunate to possess a buffalo robe to wrap around the small children going to and returning from school by sleigh. Once the children snuggled under the robe, they wouldn't try to peek out.

Benjamin S. Olin died 6 December 1950, and Nellie Pinner Olin died 20 January 1964, both in Watertown, Jefferson County, where they made their home after 1945, and both were buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Orwell, Oswego County, New York. Their seven children were Caroline, Richard Charles, William Earl, Kenneth Walter, Esther Pauline, Alberta Juanita, and Lloyd Benjamin Olin.

Benjamin Sidney Olin,
age 80, 1948

Photo courtesy of
Esther Woodard

The story of Esther Pauline's family is found in Chapter 23. Alberta Juanita's and Lloyd Benjamin's families are discussed in Chapter 24.

CAROLINE OLIN (8)

Caroline/Carolin Olin, born 6 July 1899 at Benson Mills, St. Lawrence County, New York, was the first child of Benjamin S. and Nellie Pinner Olin. Caroline's first marriage, to George Mandon French, a Town of Orwell farmer, on 26 December 1926, resulted in a daughter, Beverly Amanda French. George Mandon French never saw his daughter because he met with an accidental death on 11 March 1929, about two months after Beverly was conceived.

George Mandon French was born 25 July 1902 in Williamstown, the son of George and Nellie Hutt French. He and his mother purchased a 200-plus acre farm in Ricard, Town of Orwell, where he and his bride Caroline started shipping milk from their herd of Jersey cows. George Mandon French, known locally as "Mandon," and two other men were buried under tons of sawdust at the Massey-Harris portable

1915 Pine Meadows Church picnic, showing Nellie Pinner Olin (second left in rear) and two of her teenage children, William (front row wearing dark suit) and Caroline (middle row right with straight bangs). Mandon French is in the middle, directly behind the man in a dark suit.

Photo courtesy of Esther Woodard

sawmill in the Town of Orwell. Mandon and George Harris died, while George King survived to tell the story. (King was French's hired man.)

"One March day in 1929, when the fields were wintered and the cattle bedded, we had a slow afternoon.

"'Come on George, let's take a ride into Williamstown and load the bob-sled with sawdust,' said Mandon. 'Go team her up and I'll be with you in a second.'

"We pulled up to the front office and Mandon jumped off and ran in to pay for the 50-cent load. As he left the office I directed the team to the 72 foot high sawdust pile. This sawdust would be used for bedding the cows and for insulating our ice house.

"'This load should cover us for a few months, eh George?'

"'Hope so.' The moment he said that, I could see myself covering the 18- by 10-inch squares of ice in the corner we partitioned off in the barn. We used our ice for cooling milk in summer and an occasional glass of lemonade.

"We pulled up to the side where the pile wasn't frozen.

The pile looked like a sawdust mountain frosted with snow in spots. It was solid, all but a hole which George Harris and Arthur Kellogg, two workers on another farm, were filling their wagon with.

"I hopped off and walked over to give them a hand. Mandon followed and we were filling the wagon quickly. I relieved George Harris from a handle on the wash tub which we loaded the dust with. Soon we worked as a team. Mandon filling the tub, Arthur Kellog and I carrying it and George Harris scraping the pile out on the wagon. I walked inside our shaven cave. The room had barely enough height for me to stand. Though icy, the air was filled with mixed aromas of pine and fresh lumber.

"I could see the wagon was just about loaded full when I looked up to George Harris. His eyes widened with fear and my heart stung at the awareness of his fear.

"'Look out! It's coming!'

"Suddenly the weight in the tub tripled. My fingers allowed it to be thrusted from my hand. My shoulders backed under a smash of tons of sawdust falling around me. Somehow my feet were locked and I started to cover my face. Instantly my hands were vised about six inches in front of my face. I stood as I had when I drove the team, but now I was locked in a wooden tomb.

"The sawdust packed in my nostrils. I tightened my lips to squeeze any possible air, yet all my lungs received was fine sawdust. I couldn't even choke, as around my body the vise seemed to squeeze me harder with each move.

"I felt the vibrations of a man below me. His body almost seemed to plead to me to reach down to him, yet I couldn't even cover my mouth as my hands remained six inches away from my mouth. With each involuntary inhale, I filled more sawdust in my throat. I could taste the strong alcohol from the fermented layers of dust. It stung into my stomach.

"Below me, a low murmur of a man breathing his last breath told me mine was only a matter of time. Somehow,

all I could think of was what a shame it was I never could drive my new Model T Ford. I began to feel sleepy and the blackness of my standing grave now felt comfortable.

"I woke to a man groping around my mouth. My head hurt and my body was still locked tight. As my vision returned, I found a yard man digging by hand around my head. I could see the sawdust red with fresh blood. They told me how, while digging me out, a shovel severed my ear.

"After pulling me out, they resumed digging. George Harris and my former boss, Mandon French, were not so lucky."

The tragic sawdust pile cave-in happened in 1929. Survivor George King wrote his account of the accident in 1983, and it was published in the 10 April 1990 Pulaski *Salmon River News*. Although the story is rather lengthy, it does portray living conditions on late-1920s farms and gives a little insight into Mandon French's character.

Beverly Amanda French, born 11 October 1929 in Orwell, never saw her father. She married Charles Maine on 28 August 1954 at

Caroline Olin French Waggoner, 1971

Photo courtesy of Esther Woodard

Roxbury, Delaware County, New York. His full name was Charles Homer Maine and had the nickname "Hoke." He was born 20 September 1926 in Hamilton, Madison County, New York, the son of Carlton Maine and Agnes Kelly. He has retired from the New York State Conservation Department.

Beverly French Maine became a school teacher in Glens Falls

where she and "Hoke" have made their home. She is a serious collector of special antiques.

Charles and Beverly Maine have a daughter, Amanda Beth Maine, born 30 July 1966 in Glens Falls, Washington County, New York. Amanda was named in honor of her grandfather, Mandon French.

Caroline Olin French married a second time, to Howard Ludwig

Amanda Beth Maine, daughter of Beverly and Charles Maine, ca 1986.

Photos courtesy of Esther Woodard

Howard Waggoner , second husband of Caroline Olin, cleaning his Florida lot in January 1951.

Waggoner, on 24 August 1936 in Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York. Their marriage also resulted in one daughter, Marceline Suzanne Waggoner, born 2 June 1938 in Orwell.

Marceline Waggoner graduated from Watertown High School in 1955 and received her BA degree from the State University of New York at Albany in 1960. She continued her education by earning an MA degree in English Literature from Columbia University.

Marceline was a very ambitious and generous person. She taught high school students in White Plains, New York; Boulder, Colorado; and Missoula, Montana. She also counseled students and volunteered hours to counseling people with problems. Eventually, she established

a private practice. Her hobbies included reading, walking, baking, gardening, music, and traveling.

Her first marriage was to Dean Biesemeyer on 13 April 1963. Dean was born 2 February 1933 in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of Benno Biesemeyer and Vandella Clement. Dean and Marceline Waggoner Biesemeyer had three children: Benton Clement, born 16 September 1966 in Boulder City, Colorado; Katherine Marley, born 30 March 1968 in Missoula, Montana; and Carter David, born 1 September 1971 in Missoula, Montana.

Katherine "Trina" Biesemeyer chose a teaching profession as her career, receiving her BA degree in English from Wells College, Aurora, New York. She continued her education by earning an MA and a

Beverly A. French Maine and her husband, Charles Maine, congratulate their niece, Katherine "Trina" Biesemeyer, daughter of Marceline Waggoner and Dean Biesemeyer, 1955.

A rose between two thorns? Beverly A. French Maine shares a smile with her two nephews, Benton and Carter Biesemeyer, sons of Marceline Waggoner and Dean Biesemeyer, 1955.

Photos courtesy of Esther Woodard

doctorate in psychology.

Marceline Waggoner Biesemeyer married a second time, to James Weir of Scotland, on 27 March 1979. She died 23 October 1992 in Missoula, Montana.

RICHARD C. OLIN (8)

Richard Charles Olin, born 1 July 1901 in Benson Mines, St. Lawrence County, New York, was the second child of Benjamin S. and Nellie Pinner Olin. He married Florence Mae Hardy on 11 September 1928. She was born 5 August 1909 in Watertown, New York, the daughter of Alfred Hardy and Margaret Davis.

They had a small farm in Pine Meadows, but Richard, an excellent mechanic, worked at servicing sawmills until 1955 when he became a machine operator in the Laribe Wire Company, Camden, New York. He retired in 1968 and died 15 September 1981 in Altmar. Richard C. Olin was buried in the North Watertown City Cemetery.

Richard and Florence Olin were unable to have children. Because both loved children, they took in dozens of foster children, two of which they adopted: Richard Donald Olin and Joyce Ann Olin.

Richard Donald Olin, born 27 May 1942 in Pulaski, married first

Richard Charles Olin and his bride, Florence Mae Hardy, 1928.

Richard Charles Olin and Florence Mae Hardy Olin celebrate 50 years of marriage in 1978

Photos courtesy of Esther Woodard

Claudia Gardner and had no issue. His second marriage was to Luella May Hall, who was born 13 May 1946 in Gouveneur, St. Lawrence County, New York, the daughter of Charles and Mary Hall. Richard and Luella Olin had two children: Steven Richard Olin, born 27 May 1967 in Oneida; and Lisa May Olin, born 18 March 1969 in Rome, New York. Lisa May Olin married William Kinney on 6 April 1987, and they have two children: Elizabeth Ann Olin, born 28 November 1985; and Anthony James Kinney, born 22 November 1986.

Joyce Ann Olin, born 19 November 1943 in Fulton, New York, married Charles King in August 1962. Charles King was born 7 March 1941 to George and Dorothy King. He worked for the Camden Wire Company as a machine operator coating copper wire. Charles King has built two houses and lives in the latter one next door to Joyce Ann's father in the Town of Orwell.

Charles and Joyce Ann King have three children: Vonda Kaye, born 23 June 1966; Dawn Michelle, born 4 October 1968; and Charlene Marie, born 1 July 1970, on her grandfather's birthday.

Richard Charles Olin was called "Charles" by his parents and siblings. He was 1½ years older than his brother William, who was known as "Bill." The two brothers were very close in their later years, as well as in their formative years. Charles liked to tell the story about their first car which they wanted badly. The only way they could get one was to earn money on their own that was not needed by the family. They cut and split over 80 cords of wood that sold for $4.00 per cord. Their only expense was $15.00 for a man who brought in a portable buzz saw, belt-powered by an International one-cylinder, gasoline stationary engine. They realized enough money ($365.00) to purchase an almost new Ford touring car.

Charles tells about roasting frozen pork and cheese sandwiches over an open fire in the woods for lunch. He also tells of their first and only experience of taking a long trip to Florida. Most of the Southern States had few paved highways; Florida had none. Gasoline for the car was 45 cents a gallon, if you were lucky enough to find it. Much of the time it was pumped from 50-gallon drums. To prove that they did indeed drive all the way to Florida, they brought back a couple of sticks that still had raw cotton balls attached.

Kenneth W. Olin, son of Benjamin and Nellie Pinner Olin, with his new friend at his home in Pine Meadows, ca 1917.

Photo courtesy of Rosella Olin

Brothers Kenneth, Charlie, and Bill Olin in their Sunday best, ca 1921

Photos courtesy of Esther Woodard

William (Bill) Olin, son of Benjamin and Nellie Pinner Olin, made his living in sales but preferred the life on the home farm.

WILLIAM EARL OLIN (8)

The third child of Benjamin S. and Nellie Olin, William Earl Olin, was born 21 February 1903, in Pine Meadows. He married Irene Amelia LaClaire on 3 February 1927, in Watertown, New York. Irene was born on 2 July 1906 in Redfield, Oswego County, New York, the daughter of Levi LaClaire and Myrtle Joyner.

Twelve-year-old William Earl Olin holds his 5-week-old sister, Esther, while his 10-year-old brother, Kenneth, stands behind 1-year-old Marjorie.

Sally Jean Olin, daughter of William Earl Olin, and her husband, Richard Sample, in 1987.

Left to Right: Esther Olin Roser Woodard, her brother William Earl Olin, his wife Irene LaClaire Olin, sister Alberta Juanita Olin Pretory, and brother Richard Charles Olin, in 1978.

Photos courtesy of Esther Woodard

William E. Olin was a lifelong salesman and died 21 July 1980. Irene LaClaire Olin died 20 July 1984. Both died in Watertown, New York, and were buried in the Brookside Cemetery there.

William and Irene Olin had two children, Sally Jean and William Kent Olin. Sally Jean Olin, born 12 January 1929 in Watertown, married Richard Atwood Sample on 22 December 1951, in Watertown. Richard Sample was born 25 June 1929 in Fall River, Massachusetts, the son of Henry F. Sample and Mabel Cornell.

Sally Olin Sample was a tenured teacher in the Watertown School system. Richard Sample retired from the Niagara Mohawk Power Company in Watertown and owns apartment houses in Watertown.

Richard and Sally Sample had three children. The oldest, Jeanne Ann Sample, born 31 March 1954 in Watertown, graduated from Jefferson Community College in Watertown, earned a BA degree in mathematics from Oswego State University, and her MS degree in Public Administration from Albany State College. She is currently working as a Budget Analyst for New York State in Albany.

Richard Scott Sample, born 18 March 1959, was adopted by Sally and Richard who didn't know Sally was pregnant at the time. Young Richard married Cristie Lee Carbone, daughter of Patsy Carbone, on 3 December 1977 and had a son, Sean Patrick Sample, born in 1978. Richard had another child, Ashley Lynn Sample, born 28 March 1987, whose mother, Sandra MacCloud, was a live-in companion. Richard took one year of a drafting course in Canton College before becoming a lineman for the Niagara Mohawk Power Company. He has an exciting and often dangerous hobby involving motorcycles and RVs (recreational vehicles).

Richard and Sally Sample's third child, Rebecca Sue Sample, born 15 November 1959 in Watertown, graduated from Potsdam State College and is employed as a trainer for the Watertown Key Bank. She married Michael C. Martin on 4 June 1983 and has a son, Larry B. Martin.

William and Irene LaClaire Olin's son, William Kent Olin, born 2 March 1937 in Watertown, is a retired Lt. Col. From the Army Reserves and works at the Niagara Mohawk Power Plant in Watertown. William Kent Olin married Audrey Margaret Prenderville on 11

November 1959 in Watertown. Audrey is a college graduate and works as a model.

William Kent Olin and Audrey M. Prenderville have four children, all born in Watertown: Sheryl Lee Olin, born 24 August 1961; Susan Tracy Olin, born 27 April 1964; Tara Alexandria Olin, born 15 October 1968; and William Benjamin Olin, born 21 July 1973. Sheryl Olin graduated from Jefferson College with an ME degree and is employed by Lockheed Martin in Johnson City, New York. The Rev. Fay Ager officiated at the marriage of Sheryl Olin and Gary E. Freije in Watertown on 16 January 1988. Gary is the son of Nicholas Freije. Susan Tracy Olin married Scott Walker, a cook at Fort Drum near Watertown, in July 1985. Tara Alexandria Olin is employed by the Watertown Key Bank.

KENNETH WALTER OLIN (8)

The fourth child of Benjamin Olin and Nellie Pinner was Kenneth Walter Olin, born 29 July 1905 in Pine Meadows, Oswego County, New York. He found it difficult to establish a home or business for any length of time in one place. Over the years he lived in Orwell, Evans Mills, Watertown, Syracuse, and Trumansburg, all in New York State. He served in the Navy during World War II, where he learned to cut hair. He became a barber in civilian life. Kenneth W. Olin died 31 July 1968 in Watertown and was buried in Evans Mills.

About 1926, Kenneth Olin married Blanche Mascek in Orwell and had two children: Robert Merle, born 25 January 1928 in Orwell; and Russell Charles, born 9 December 1931 in Orwell. His second marriage took place with Rosella S. Ball on 31 December 1941 in Watertown, St. Lawrence County, New York. She was the daughter of William J. Ball and Lula Harris. Kenneth and Rosella Olin had two children: Gene Stanley, born 10 June 1942 in Watertown; and Debra Christine, born 7 February 1955 in Watertown.

ROBERT M. OLIN (9)

Kenneth W. Olin's older son, Robert Merle Olin, married Betty LaRose about 1951. They had a daughter, Linda Olin, born 28 August 1953, who married Charles Sanford. They are living in Brockport,

New York, and have two sons, David Sanford, born 14 April 1972, and Mathew Sanford, born 12 December 1974. Robert's second marriage was to Doris Lyng who was born 5 February 1942 in Watertown, the daughter of George and Ruth Lyng.

Robert M. Olin joined the Sea-Bees, the construction arm of the U.S. Navy, in 1945 for two years. He signed up again for 1½ years during the Korean War. Like his father, Robert became a barber, establishing his own shop in Watertown. His wife, Doris, gave up a private income tax preparation service in favor of real estate sales. They have a home in Watertown and a summer home on Wellesley Island in the St. Lawrence River, where they host boat trips around the Thousand Islands.

Robert Merle Olin and Doris Lyng Olin had five children, all born in Watertown, New York. The first two were twin boys, Robert Merle, Jr., and Russell Charles, born 12 December 1962. Russell died the following day, and Robert died a little over a year later on 25 January 1963. It would be four years before the family began to grow again. Patrick Michael Olin was born 16 February 1966, Timothy Mark Olin was born 28 October 1967, and Suzette Michelle Olin was born 30 June 1970. Suzette married Watertown's all-star, high school football athlete, Lee Charles Castor, on 12 August 0000, and they have a son, Merle Castor.

RUSSELL C. OLIN (9)

Russell Charles Olin, second son of Kenneth and Blanche Olin, served in the Korean War as a gunner in the United States Navy. He graduated from the Naval Gunnery School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His schooling, experience, and interest provided the background needed to become an expert in small arms gunsmithing. Upon his return to civilian life, Russell became a licensed barber and a "jack of all trades." He enjoyed music and became an accomplished guitar player. He liked working with wood and became an exceptional finish carpenter. He devoted many hours to his domestic life: vegetables, flowers, and herb gardening; cooking; baking; and canning.

Russell C. Olin married Joyce Marie Pierce on 19 September 1964. She was born 12 November 1943 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, the

daughter of Levi Pierce and Leona Smith. Russell and Joyce Olin had two children born in Watertown, Thomas Jeffery, born 14 November 1968, and Jennifer Lin, born 29 April 1970. Jennifer married Larry Dean Casebolt, and they have two sons: Travis Russell Wheatley and Forrest Dean Casebolt.

Jennifer went to Texas in 1987, when she was 17 years old, to attend college. Later, she owned her own gas station in Clymer, Texas. After her marriage, the family moved to Casper, Wyoming, where her husband is employed with the laying of fibre-optic cables.

Russell Charles Olin died a young man of 48 in Watertown, New York, on 25 June 1975, and was buried in the Brookside Cemetery there.

Russell C. Olin, son of Kenneth and Blanche Olin, and his wife, Joyce Pierce Olin, share a moment of joy. *Photos courtesy of Rosella Olin*

Thomas Jeffery Olin, born 1968, son of Russell and Joyce Olin

Jennifer Linn Olin, born 1970, daughter of Russell and Joyce Olin

Photos Courtesy of Rosella Olin

The children of Kenneth Walter Olin and Rosella S. Ball were Gene Stanley Olin and Debra Christine Olin. Gene never married. He served three years (1960–1963) in the United States Air Force as an interceptor of Morse code, a highly classified assignment involving government security in Darmstadt, Germany. After his tour of duty, Gene, supported by a mental disability pension, lived with his mother in Evans Mills.

Gene Stanley Olin and his mother, Rosella Ball Olin, on one of their trips, 1982 .

Photos courtesy of Rosella Olin

Debra Christine Olin married Richard Moran in Watertown on 20 September 1975. Richard was born on 7 November 1954, the son of Dexter Moran and Jean Ellis. He drives truck for Wonder Bread. Debra was Valedictorian of her Evans Mills High School graduating class and has worked for a Watertown bank.

Richard and Debra Moran have two children, who were born in Watertown: Kristen Jean Moran, born 5 April 1980, and Cole Dexter Moran, born 20 December 1983.

Richard Moran and Debra C. Olin, daughter of Kenneth and Rosella Olin, at their wedding in Watertown, New York, 1975.

Half Shire Country, home to many New York Olins

Oswego County has two governmental centers, one at Oswego and the other at Pulaski, each having rural and urban areas within its boundaries. This is the upper half of Oswego County, identifying the Towns, Villages, and the Salmon River.

Map courtesy of Half Shire Historical Society

Chapter 23

Benjamin S. (7) and Nellie Olin's Daughter, Esther Pauline Olin (8)

The fifth child and second daughter of Benjamin S. and Nellie Pinner Olin, Esther Pauline Olin, born 15 February 1916 in Pine Meadows, Oswego County, New York, was destined to become the inquisitive researcher of her family's past history. When just a child, Esther asked her father where he came from. Her father would look up from whatever he was reading, eyes twinkling in the smile on his face and said, "I'm just a Yankee, I guess!" To Esther, it seemed to be a disappointment because her mother was born in England and had seen Queen Victoria. Not only that, when her mother was four to five years old, she became lost from her parents while shopping in London. She spent the night in a police station and was served a big breakfast. A genuine fairy tale, a grand family tradition, unlike Esther's father saying he was just a plain Yankee.

Esther Pauline Olin, age five in 1921, sitting quietly for time exposure photo taken by her sister, Caroline.
Photo courtesy of Esther Woodard

Over the years, Esther Olin became obsessed and determined to trace her ancestors to "Yankee Land" and beyond. She traced her great grandparents, Benjamin and Susan Partlo back to Preston, Connecticut and on back to the first John and Susannah Spencer Olin in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. Esther intended to document her findings that included the descendants of her paternal great-

grandparents. However, for various reasons she was unable to do so, but her efforts will be recorded. Esther provided me with her extensive research papers, without which this volume would be incomplete. Esther Olin Roser Woodard made the following statement to me, "I'm proud of my Yankee heritage: God fearing, hard working, builders of our America."

COURT HOUSE, Village of Pulaski, 1910. Decorated for Old Home Week, the Pulaski Court House was the first permanent public building constructed in Oswego County (1819). Rebuilt in its present "Egyptian Revival" style in 1859, with an 1887 addition. It is the remaining vestige of Oswego County's "Half-Shire" status: meaning a county, or shire, with two governmental seats.

Courtesy of Half Shire Historical Society

Esther Olin wrote about her fond memories of family life as a young girl in Pine Meadows, Oswego County, New York. Her parents and her siblings were a close knit family sharing the joys of good times and pains of bad moments. Esther writes:

> "In the rough country of north central and southern end of Oswego County, the once flourishing lumber industry has

been replaced by farms, principally dairy farms. It had been told that the first person passing through this area called it Pine Meadows because of the rolling hill and abundance of pine trees. From the hills overlooking the center on a clear day, Lake Ontario can be seen glistening in the sun. The pine trees are few now, a large man-made lake has inundated many farms and the settlements have changed to new homes scattered on small lots along the highways. People commute to the cities for their livelihood. But the white Wesleyan Methodist Church is thriving and the little red schoolhouse has a new face, remodeled for the church parsonage.

Pine Meadows Wesleyan Church where the Olin family attended church. They could hear the bell ringing at their home on the hill.

The little red school house where the Olin children began their education, District #9, Pine Meadows

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S. M. Olmstead Post, No. 387, G.A.R., Town of Orwell, ca. 1895. The Civil War veterans were probably gathered together for Decoration Day and posed for the photographer in front of A. E. Olmstead's Store. The gentlemen with wooden legs, seated in front are (l) Mason Myers and (r) Robert Armstrong, brothers-in-law who were able to share pairs of shoes after their war wounds. Over 2,000 Oswego County men served in the Civil War.

Atmar firemen's parade, ca 1905. Note the electric wires and the automobile in the top center waiting to enter the parade last after the buggies so as to not spook the horses.

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"My parents, Benjamin S. Olin and Nellie Pinner Olin, raised their family on the southwest hill near Sage Creek, well known for its eight-foot falls, a favorite picnic spot for us children. Ours was a small 40-acre farm that Pa bought from Andrew Blount for $800.00 while working for Post and Henderson's saw mill in Benson Mines. It was in Benson Mines that Charles Pinner, a sawyer at the mill, invited Pa home to meet his sixteen-year-old daughter, Nellie. She was born in England and came to America in 1886 with her parents when she was about five years old. Benjamin Olin and Nellie Pinner were married the following year.

"The only reason my father bought the farm in Pine Meadows was because he was promised a job at a local sawmill. When he reported to work he was told that he wasn't needed. Fortunately, the mill up in Benson Mines took him back as their expert saw filer. He had no choice but to continue at that mill until his farm and family were financially stable. Ma, happy to be on a farm, agreed to keep it somewhat productive and keep their children in line. It was a long difficult task for everyone but the Olin family survived.

"Our farm had two to five Jersey cows, one thousand laying hens, thirty to forty hives of bees, a team of horses and the usual assortment of swine, sheep, cats and dogs. We made butter to sell, processed honey to sell, picked apples to sell, and sold thousands of chickens and eggs. The most profitable was the chicken and egg business.

"When I was nine years old, Eliza Beach, a small woman with sharp blue eyes, her white hair tied in a bun on top of her head and always wearing an intense white apron, became a character of fascination to us children. Eliza had worked as a maid in her native Ireland and had married our neighbor, Andrew Beach. Eliza's highly pitched chatter and laugh was a complete expression of mirth. Her whole middle section would move in convulsive movements giving us the impression of a comedian.

"One morning my younger sister, Juanita, and I were sent on a quick errand to Mrs. Beach with a warning to hurry lest we be late for school. Of course, Mrs. Beach went through her antics. When we arrived back home, Ma was waiting, giving us a sound spanking across her knees. That was the only spanking we ever had, a lesson in responsibility. However, a few weeks later, Juanita and I accompanied Ma to visit Eliza Beach. After we returned home, Ma wanted to know where I had gotten a penny. I answered, "Off Mrs. Beach's window sill." Ma told me in no uncertain terms to take the penny back to Mrs. Beach and apologize. That was a very humiliating experience, a good lesson in honesty and respect for other people's possessions.

"Mr. Beach was responsible to keep the roads open, free from heavy snows in the winter. His husky dappled gray team pulled a wooden plow that often pushed snow over their backs. It was a job that Pa's light-weight bays were incapable of performing. Sometimes a blizzard would last a week. No one left their homes other than to do barn chores. Those stormy days were a delight for us children. We loved the warmth of our home and welcomed the unexpected vacation from school. But they were often anxious days for our parents when the doctor was unavailable. Neighbors depended on each other during sickness, accidents and births. One cold frosty morning Mr. Beach stopped by. We girls wondered where and how the dripping icicles came to be hanging from his thick gray mustache.

"About 1909 while Pa was still working at Benson Mines, Ma went strawberrying over to Scriba with a group of church ladies. She earned enough money to furnish the parlor with a new red oriental rug, new sofa, chairs and a mail order organ. My older sister, Caroline, began taking home study lessons on organ playing. Ma sat down beside her and learned as fast as Caroline. Ma was a teacher in our church Sunday School. After learning to play the organ, she had confidence to play the church organ when needed.

Strawberry pickers from the Pine Meadows Church, 1910 pose after a successful week picking berries on the Enos farm in Scriba, New York. Nellie Olin stands on right back row.

Photo courtesy of Esther Woodard

"Caroline was very good to my sister and me. She was seventeen years older than us and was working out. One Christmas, she gave us each a large, jointed doll with ringlets of hair and a small wicker doll carriage. Our brothers brought home chocolate candy, a battery radio and a wind-up Victrola with the latest records.

"Pa was not a whole-hearted farmer. He preferred the woods with its work implication. He would often grumble about those 'stinking old critters.' Pa bought an eighty-acre woodlot for one dollar an acre about three miles from home. His goal was to cut a full cord of wood every day that he drove his team to the woods. He brought the wood home in lengths called polewood and used his buck-saw to cut them to stove lengths. When the boys were bigger, they helped with sawing of the larger trees. Any extra wood was exchanged for groceries.

"Pa kept out of public life as much as he could. He finally had to be reminded that he was a taxpayer and obligated to take his turn as the active school trustee. He accepted the responsibility reluctantly and actually did the job well. He hired Doris Jeanes who proved to be an excellent teacher. During the first year of schooling in the little red schoolhouse, Pa would take me in the wagon. If he saw Miss Jeanes he always asked her if she needed anything. As the trustee he was responsible for buying her supplies and paying her salary.

He removed the water pail and dipper and replaced it with an enclosed crock with a spout through which the children could draw their own drinking water. Each student had their personal cup and Miss Jeanes showed them how to make paper cups. It cut down on the spreading of colds between families.

"Pa had many relatives in the Orell and Altmar areas where he was born. Somehow, before I was born, he had saved enough money to purchase a new Democrat wagon. It was shiny black with a red flower design and a new buggy whip in the holder. He was able to visit his relations in style. He was a healthy man. He pulled his own teeth, never went to a doctor, ate popcorn on his gums, chewed tobacco (never spitting) and had a sound knowledge of herb medicines which he used.

"'Bennie' (called by the neighborhood men), my father, was a genuine 'book worm,' particularly as he grew older. He enjoyed being quiet and undisturbed in a corner of the dining room. He read magazines and books preferring westerns like the Zane Grey novels. Ma would be busy in the kitchen while Pa was laid back in his Morris chair reading or dozing. Sometimes he would help Ma churn the butter or rock one of the sick kids. Ma asked him to rock me when I was feeling sick. When his eyes rolled for my attention and his bass voice sang, 'Old Dan Cole,' I was kinda scared.

'Old Dan Cole was a funny old man,
A merry old soul was he;
He washed his face in a frying pan,
He combed his hair with a wagon wheel,
And died with a toothache in his heel.'

I wondered what it all meant, it was confusing to me.

"One day Ma gave me permission to climb up into the small hay loft to see Kenneth's rabbits provided that I would not touch them. While sitting on the floor, watching the rabbits run and jump around, I just couldn't help it. I had to catch one to pet. I grabbed on a tail and the fur came off in

catch one to pet. I grabbed on a tail and the fur came off in my fingers. I ran crying to Ma. She was understanding, consoling me that I had not pulled that rabbit's tail off. Our parents held the reins in disciplining us but at the same time were sympathetic and tolerant of our innocence.

"In the early 1920s my brothers found that work in the cities was scarce. After much discussion with Pa, they decided to build a saw mill powered by a steam engine. When they first fired it up, sparks flew across the road and set George Roser's pasture on fire. When sales of sawed lumber fell off, they cut slats and built potato crates. They tried to turn out table legs and chairs but couldn't afford the right equipment. The next year, the boys got the bright idea to plant, raise, dig and sell potatoes using their excess crates. One year was enough. The five-acre crop produced well, but it proved to be too much of a back-breaking and time-consuming venture. Slack time at the mill allowed the boys to build a wrap around porch on the house, two small brooder houses, a large hen house attached to the barn and a garage. The following year they continued the family ingenuity for survival by adding shingle-making equipment to their mill.

Benjamin Olin and sons' productive potato patch behind their saw mill.

Photo courtesy Esther Woodard

Benjamin and Nellie Olin's older sons built this porch on the farm house during slack time in their mill. Left to right: "Laddie," Esther, Marjorie (a cousin the Olins were raising), Juanita, Irene, Nellie and her sister, Mae.

Photos courtesy of Esther Woodard.

Nellie Olin flanked by three of her sons; Kenneth, Charlie and Bill, 1945.

"In the early spring, we had to make several trips daily to the brooder houses to keep the little wood stoves burning. If the chicks got cold, they naturally huddled together for warmth only to be smothered to death. Ma would keep awake nights by mending clothes or making underwear, pants and jackets for Pa and the boys to wear in the woods or mill. She bought discarded wool felt from the paper mill in Watertown. The felt at the mill was used on the rollers that

the paper passed over. Ma dyed the felt brown and black. She made mittens by lining the inside of the felt with old socks which extended above the hand for the cuff.

"Ma's egg money was used to pay for our first family car, a 1921 Model T Ford which she learned to drive, making it easier to deliver her butter and eggs. A new lifestyle unfurled with the advent of the automobile. Ma and Pa had more freedom for social contacts, whether it was for deliveries or visiting friends and relatives. We began to see life beyond our own little neighborhood."

The old Union Free School in Altmar where the Olin children attended prior to consolidation.

Photos courtesy of Esther Woodard

1936, the first class to graduate from the consolidated school in Altmar, called Altmar, Parish and Williamstown. Esther Olin stands tall, second from the right.

Esther P. Olin graduated in the class of 1936 with five other students from the Altmar High School Two years later, she married Wilfred R. Roser in Sandy Creek on 11 December 1938. Wilfred was born 27 March 1914 in Williamstown, son of Asa Roser and Edna Kellogg. He and Esther became dairy farmers, known in the community as an honest and hard-working couple.

Esther Pauline Olin and Wilfred R. Roser's wedding photo, 1938. They were married in the Sandy Creek Wesleyan Methodist Church parsonage.

Photo courtesy of Esther Woodard

Esther and Wilfred Roser's children; Richard age 5, Carole age 3 and Ronald almost 2 years old, 1945.

Photo courtesy of Esther Woodard

RICHARD A. ROSER (9)

Their first son was Richard Alden Roser, born 22 April 1940 in Ricard. He was a natural farmer having a love for animals. After graduating from the Altmar/Parish/Williamstown Central School, he

remained on his parents' farm until he joined the United States Air Force in 1962 to serve for four years. He received special technical training on the Nike-Hercules missile. He was stationed at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida as part of Nationwide Army Air Defense Command. In a letter dated 25 December 1963 to his mother, Richard wrote:

> "Last night we almost fired our first missile in Florida. We tracked a plane all the way in from Cuba. The Air Force sent planes out to intercept it but couldn't find it. We were the only defense in all of Florida to track him. It got within 10,000 yards of us before the Air Force finally locked on to it. They forced it to land at the Homestead Air Force Base. Probably just a guy escaping from Cuba. He didn't know how close he came to death. Well that's life."

Richard Roser married Linda Ann Horning in the Methodist Church at Pulaski on 13 November 1965. Linda was born 25 January in Syracuse, daughter of Elmer Horning and Nettie Halsey. She works for Oswego County Social Services and is recognized as a super cook. Richard is employed by the New York State Highway Department and raises beef cattle on the farm he purchased from his father. He has also served as the Justice of Peace.

Richard and Linda Roser have two children: Cathy Ann, born 9 March 1967; and Jon Alden, born 6 August 1969, both in Oswego. Cathy Ann Roser won a scholarship and graduated with a BA degree in English in 1989 from Potsdam State College and her MA degree in English from Oswego State College. She married Kraig Jay Shawcross in Adams Center on 20 July 1991. Kraig is the son of John and Donna Shawcross. He received his EE degree at Clarkson University in 1989 and his MA degree in management at Oswego State College. Kraig is employed by Niagara Mohawk Power Plant at Nine Mile Point, Oswego.

Jon Alden Roser graduated from Altmar/Parish/Williamstown High School and married Shelley Ann Potter, born May 1969, daughter of Richard and Lois Potter. Their marriage took place in Pulaski on 4

Right: Cathy A. Roser, daughter of Richard and Linda Roser is joined in marriage with Kraig J. Shawcross, 20 July 1991.

Photos courtesy ofEsther Woodard.

Below: Jon Alden Roser and his bride, Shelly A. Potter, pose between his parents, Richard and Linda Roser, 1994.

October 1994. Shelley Potter Roser graduated from Sandy Creek High School and is a sales representative for Avon. Both work part time on their parents' farms. Jon is employed by the Town of Orwell Highway Department.

CAROLE M. ROSER (9)

Carole Maxine Roser, born 5 May 1942, the only daughter of Wilfred and Esther Olin Roser was born in their Ricard home. Carole graduated from the Pulaski High School in 1960 after her marriage to Earl Junior Caster on 4 July 1959 in Sandy Creek. Earl, born 22 December 1933, son of Peter and Maggie Caster, had served in the

Four generations: Esther Olin Roser Woodard; her daughter, Carole Roser Caster Sprague Valvo; Carole's son, Kevin E. Caster; and his son, Kyle Caster. 1997

Photos courtesy Esther Woodard

Korean conflict and was the manager of an auto parts store in Pulaski. Earl and Carole Caster had two children: Kevin Earl Caster, born 27 May 1961 in Watertown and Kent Mark Caster, born 12 February 1964 in Oswego.

Kevin Earl Caster married Kelly J. Atkinson, daughter of James and Pat Atkinson on 11 July 1987 in Pulaski. Kelly has a Mater's degree in special education and teaches for day care and elementary schools in Syracuse. Kevin is employed by the United Parcel Service in Syracuse, NY. They reside in Pulaski and have a son, Kyle Robert Caster, born 10 August 1989 and a daughter, Melanie Caster.

Kevin E. Caster's marriage to Kelly Atkinson, 11 July 1987. Standing with them are her parents, James and Pat Atkinson.

Kent Mark Caster was adopted by his mother's second husband and is known as Ken Mark Sprague. He and his fiancé, living in Florida, returned north to be married in Floyd, Oneida County, New

York on 1 March 1986. His bride, Candace H. Gay, was an accountant for a dry-wall installation company in Bradenton, Florida and works as the chef of a popular Utica restaurant. Her parents are Army Major Ricky and Betty Wilkins Gay of Bradenton, Florida. Kent works with his uncle, Ronald Roser, building new homes and remodeling old homes in the Utica, NY area.

Kent Mark Sprague's marriage to Candace H. Gay, 1 March 1986.

Photos courtesy of Esther Woodard

Carole M. Roser Caster's marriage to Allen LeRoy Sprague in the Redfield Wesleyan Church, 1973. Carole's two sons are standing with them: Kent Mark Caster Sprague on the left and Kevin E. Caster on the right.

Carole Maxine Roser Caster's second marriage was to Allen LeRoy Sprague 29 April 1973 in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Redfield, NY. Allen was born 1 July 1937, son of Allen and Virginia Sprague of Smithville, NY. Allen Sprague was a contractor, building new houses, one of which he and Carole made their home. Allen and Carole Sprague had no issue; however Allen did officially adopt Carole's youngest son, Kent Mark Caster.

Carole Maxine Roser Caster Sprague is currently married to Joseph C. Valvo, born 17 February 1941, son of Carmen and Beatrice Valvo of Rome, NY. The wedding took place in a gazebo in Holland Patent, Oneida County, New York on 29 September 1989. Joseph saw action in the United States Air Force as a sergeant during the Vietnam War. He is now a First Lieutenant Pilot in the Air Force and the Sexton of a Presbyterian Church in Sarasota, Florida. Carole is a C. N. A. nurse doing private duty and assists with a home health agency in Sarasota. Joseph and Carole Valvo have a child.

RONALD D. ROSER (9)

Ronald Daison Roser, born 20 October 1943 in Ricard, Town of Williamstown, Oswego County, New York, was the youngest of three children born to Wilfred and Esther Roser. He married Patricia Mae Durst, born 8 October 1946, daughter of Edgar and Ethel Kenney Durst of Redfield. Their marriage took place in the Redfield Congregational Church, the oldest surviving church in Oswego County, on 28 November 1964.

Above: Ronald and Patricia Durst Roser with daughter Teresa and son Rodney, ca 1972.

Photo courtesy of Esther Woodard

Before his marriage, Ronald Roser attended a school for heavy equipment operators in Miami, Florida. He returned to Oneida County, New York to work for contractors, digging wells, house foundations

and utilities. Later he worked with Allen Sprague, where he learned the home contracting building business, eventually owning his own contracting business. Patricia graduated from Sandy Creek High School in Oswego County and the Key Plus Calculator and Keypunch School in Syracuse. She began working in an insurance office before becoming a real estate broker for Century 21.

Ronald and Patricia Roser have two children: Teresa Mae Roser, born 20 November 1966, in Watertown, and Rodney Daison Roser, born 1 August 1970, in Rome, Oneida County. Teresa Roser married Fred Matthew Brown, 26 May 1987, in the Prospect Methodist Church. Fred's parents are John and Carol Brown of Prospect. Teresa works at the Metropolitan Home and Auto Insurance Company in New Hartford, New York and Fred is a corrections officer at the correctional facility in Marcy, New York. They make their home in Holland Patent and have two children: Melissa Mae, born 25 December 1989 in Utica, and Matthew Thomas Brown, born 17 June 1993 in Utica.

Fred and Teresa Roser Brown with daughter Melissa and son Matthew, 1994.

Photo courtesy of Esther Woodard

Rodney D. Roser married Donna Marie Simonds, daughter of Lyman and Virginia Simonds of Floyd. The marriage took place in their nearly finished new home in Holland Patent on 32 June 1995, officiated by Richard Roser, the groom's uncle. Both Rodney and Donna Roser are employed by the Walmart store in Rome, New York.

In the first portion of this chapter, Esther Olin shares her childhood experiences with her parents, brothers, sisters and a few neighbors. The middle portion is devoted to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. This last portion will portray Esther as an adult.

Before Esther Olin graduated from the first class of six students of the newly consolidated Altmar, Parish and Wiliamstown High School in 1936, she had learned to play the piano for church services, catch for the girl's softball team, sewed pockets on aprons at Benson's Sewing Machine Factory, worked at Blount's Bassinet Factory, waited on tables and washed dishes in a Watertown restaurant and helped at home during haying season.

After her graduation, Esther, wishing to become a missionary, attended God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio until illness forced her to return home. The next year, her determination to become a missionary, prompted her to enroll in Religious Education at Houghton College in western New York State. Again, a serious illness necessitated that she return home.

Meanwhile, she had been dating Wilfred Roser and decided to marry him in 1938. Wilfred's ancestors, two Roser boys and their sister, came to America from Germany and settled in Constableville, Lewis County, New York. Wilfred's ability as a hunter and fisherman was well known throughout Oswego County. He and Esther tried unsuccessfully to farm his parents' run-down farm. They took the opportunity to purchase her parents' dairy farm when Benjamin S. and Nellie Pinner Olin retired to Watertown in 1945. Although they were successful with their dairy operation, it proved to be a bigger chore than anticipated. World War II had reared its ugly head to claim eligible young men. No extra help was available. Esther and her children pitched in to help Wilfred with the daily, weekly, monthly and yearly chores until the children left home. Wilfred wanted to continue with the farm even though hired help was unavailable or too costly. Esther felt like a hired hand with all her household, barn and field chores.

Esther Olin Roser left the farm, leaving twenty-three years of marriage behind, and began working in a nursing home in Camden.

She earned her LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) degree at Oswego in 1965. She met Harold D. Woodard, whom she married in Westmoreland, Oneida County, 18 November 1967.

Harold "Speedy" and Esther Olin Roser Woodard, 1983.

Photos courtesy of Esther Woodard.

Harold, known as "Speedy," said, "I was born in Buffalo, NY 13 December 1912 (that's on a Friday). My mother was Margaret 'Maggie' Woodard, daughter of Horace and Phoebe Woodard of Redfield. She raised me as a single parent while working as a maid for Charles and Elizabeth Wilson on their dairy farm outside of Buffalo. The Wilsons had two boys and two daughters a little older than me. They accepted us as their extended family with lots of love to go around."

Harold D. Woodard, his mother Margaret L. Johnson and his grandmother, Phoebe Woodard, picnic at Fisher's Landing on the St. Lawrence River. 1935.

Harold D. Woodard with his friends on the Wilson farm near Buffalo, New York. The curly tow-headed kid is determined to ride the tricycle. 1915.

Harold Woodard was a typical "jack-of-all-trades," especially with farming and lumbering. His work assignments and travels throughout the years are impressive. He bought his first automobile, a 1931 Model A Ford Sports Roadster that enabled him to change jobs frequently, traveling to where he felt like it. He worked as a plater for Colonial Radio in Buffalo. He took a job at Alco Aluminum Plant in Massena, NY. Speedy made spaghetti sauce for three months at "World of Mirth," a carnival in Maine, sliced and peeled a ton of potatoes by machine daily for another carnival, "Johnny Jones" in Vermont, and the list goes on and on.

Another side of Speedy is his character. Jo-Anne Fair Moriarty of the Canadian Olans describes him as a lovable old bear. "He enjoys laughing, telling stories, tall or funny, playing jokes and playing the harmonica at the drop of a hat."

Harold and Esther purchased a home in Redfield that afforded a spectacular view of the Salmon River Reservoir. Speedy accepted a job with the Town of Redfield's Highway Department, where he looked forward to winter when he could plow snow.

Before Esther became involved with her goat project, she and Speedy took a two-week trip into the New England States and eastern Canada. Her desire to find her ancestors was revived. Her research for her Olin family involved the states of Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Later, she began corresponding with other family members and organized an annual Olin reunion in Watertown, 1970. It was dropped six years later. However, in 1989, upon the request of

the Canadian Olans and the New York Olins, she organized the Richland Reunion which provided a central point for a three-day affair. The Richland Reunion was discontinued after 1994, but Esther saved all her research material and photographs, many of which appear in this volume.

Speedy and Esther both shared in the joy and problems in raising their milking-goat herd. Esther writes:

> "Our line of these smart, lovable animals was so good, we finally joined the American Dairy Goat Society in 1979 and showed our goats at county fairs around New York State. We bathed them and clipped their hooves for showing and won many ribbons. We had a regular schedule for breeding for milk production and for meat. Harold made two cheese presses from which the cheese sold for three dollars and fifty cents a pound. We sold goat meat, goat milk and goat milk fudge locally. We gave demonstrations to school children and to senior citizens. It was a fun time."

A group of Senior Citizens visits the Woodard's goat farm in Redfield.

Photo courtesy Esther Woodard

In 1993, the Woodards sold their home in Redfield and moved to Florida to live near their daughter, Carole Valvo. Esther and Speedy are retired, living in their own house, and enjoying the warmer climate. Both are active in their community's Senior Citizen's Center. Speedy waits on tables, noon time, and proudly wears his volunteer pin.

Esther's first husband, Wilfred Roser, remarried in 1946 to Alice Kemp, who was born 1909.

Chapter 24

Benjamin S. (7) and Nellie Olin's Children: Alberta and Lloyd's Families - Alberta Juanita Olin (8)

Alberta Juanita Olin was born 18 June 1918 in Pine Meadows, the youngest daughter of Benjamin S. and Nellie Pinner Olin. Her childhood memories parallel those of her domineering, older sister, Esther. Juanita received less attention in her formative years simply because she was sandwiched between Esther and Lloyd "Laddie," her younger brother, the baby of the family. Juanita shared the limelight in Esther's escapades by being a follower, but she had to share in any resultant punishments. This girlhood experience, added to her natural shyness, gave Juanita a modest, soft spoken, unselfish attitude among her peers. She made no waves at home or in school.

Alberta Juanita Olin and her sister, Esther Pauline Olin in 1919. Esther would not sit still for the photo so Juanita was placed across her legs.

Photo courtesy of Esther Woodard

Alberta Juanita Olin and her sister Esther Pauline Olin in 1921. Note the hair ribbons and the shoes.

Photos courtesy of Esther Woodard

Juanita and Esther with their mother, Nellie Pinner Olin, and Old Faithful, the dog, ca 1921.

Juanita began paying her own way in life during a summer in high school when she worked as a waitress in a Watertown restaurant. She and Esther lived with their brother Bill and his wife, Irene. She paid them for her room and board from her pay check. She graduated from the Altmar-Parish-Williamstown High School in 1937 and went away to work.

Alberta Juanita Olin married Albert S. Pretory on 28 November 1942 in Baltimore, Maryland. Albert was born 19 December 1915 in Newark, Essex County, New Jersey, the son of Adolf A. Pretory and Elizabeth C. Kotsch.

Albert Pretory joined the United States Army in 1942. He was stationed in the States at Maryland, Kansas, and Washington. He served overseas during the final liberation of Germany during WWII.

After the war, Albert and Juanita came back to her home town where Albert accepted a job with Niagara Mohawk Power Company.

Alberta Juanita Olin and Corporal Albert S. Pretory were married 28 November 1942 in Baltimore, Maryland just before his departure for action in Europe during World War II.

Photo courtesy Juanita Pretory

He progressed through several promotions until his retirement in the 1980s after thirty-plus years.

They live in the shadow of the Altmar Salmon River fish Hatchery. It is one of the most sophisticated hatcheries in the country, where eggs are taken in the fall spawning season for the stocking program of lakes Ontario and Erie.

The Salmon River, recognized for its abundance of salmon fish, flows through Pine Meadows. A beautiful natural falls, one-hundred feet high, is situated between the upper Stillwater Dam and the lower Bennett's Bridge Dam. The Niagara Mohawk Power Plant draws its water for turbines that generate electrical power for industry and residents.

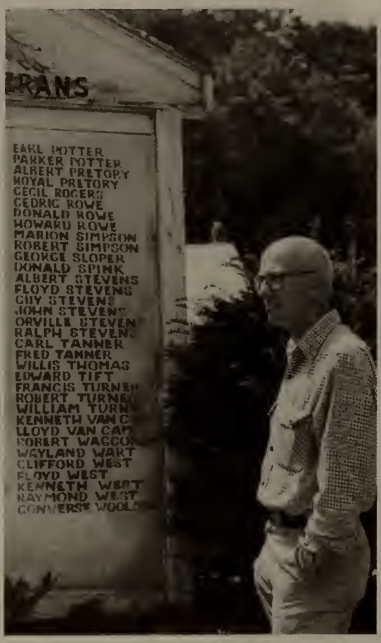
Joseph Fair, Albert Pretory and Juanita Olin Pretory during the 1992 Canadian OLAN reunion in Cavan, Ontario.

Photo courtesy Jo-Anne Fair Moriarty

Albert and Juanita Pretory lived in a company house, rented from the power company, until his retirement. Several employees lived in the company settlement near Bennett's Bridge. The company demolished the house in late 1980. Albert built a new house of their own a little further up the hill.

In 1952, Al Pretory and Leon King found a United States Weather Bureau Radiosonde balloon dangling from about forty feet up in a tree near Pine Meadows. After the excitement was over, they returned the box to Joliet, Illinois as requested.

The names of Albert and his brother, Royal Pretory, are listed on the Town of Orwell Cenotaph, along with other area comrades who served in World War II.



Albert Pretory served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Many others served from the town of Orwell, Oswego County, NY as did his brother Royal.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

Juanita enjoyed painting with oils on numbered fabric and has progressed to painting without numbers.

Albert and Juanita Pretory had two sons: Stanley Paul born 23 June 1945 in Syracuse; and Thomas Edward born 10 December 1946 who died 11 December 1946.

Stanley Paul Pretory attended Houghton College for two years, transferring to Taylor University, Upland, Indiana where he received his degree. He married first to Sheryle Thompson of Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of Gene Thompson. His second marriage was to Elaine Ecker on 13 November 1969. Elaine was born 18 March 1948 daughter of Lyle Ecker and Marilyn Johnson of Altmar.

Stanley loves to play the piano. His first employment was at Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing. He left to become the manager of a small insurance company in Indiana. He returned to Orwell in Oswego County, to become a salesman for Hub Homes, manufacturers of modular houses. He now owns his own business and resides in North Redfield. Elaine graduated from CBI in Syracuse.

Stanley and Elaine Pretory have three sons: Gregory Lynn Ecker Pretory, born 2 July 1969 Oswego (adopted); Paul Stephen Pretory, born 19 December 1970 Syracuse; and William Benjamin, born 21 August 1976 in Syracuse.

LLOYD BENJAMIN OLIN (8)

Benjamin S. and Nellie Pinner Olin's youngest child, Lloyd Benjamin Olin, was born 28 May 1922 at Pine Meadows, Oswego County, New York His family affectionately nicknamed him "Laddie."

Lloyd "Laddie" Benjamin Olin in uniform during World War II, 1943.

Photo courtesy of Juanita Pretory

Immediately upon graduating from the Sandy Creek High School, Lloyd assumed managerial responsibility as foreman of a fifty-head dairy farm in Altmar. He enlisted in the army on 15 February 1943, serving almost three years before his discharge, 17 December 1945.

A November issue of the *Salmon River News* tells of Lloyd Olin's experience in the "Battle of the Bulge" and the "Battle of the Buzz Bombs:"

> " . . . He saw duty in England, Belgium and France with the 740th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion and as a ground

combatant at D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge, and was awarded four Battle Stars and a Good Conduct Medal.

"In Belgium the 740th Triple A Battalion was known as the "Buzz Bomb Boys." They had the job of shooting down the Nazi VI Rockets nicknamed the "Buzz Bomb" by the citizens of London who were attacked by it. The 740th was the fore-runner of the Patriot Missile crews that destroyed the SCUD missiles during Operation Desert Storm.

"Beginning in October 1944, the Battle of the Buzz Bomb was fought by the 740th Triple A. Battalion and others like it. For 154 days and nights they fought Hitler's terror weapon without let up on the cold snowy flats of Belgium and Holland. The VI's target was the major allied supply port of Antwerp, Belgium.

"Fortunately, the Triple A guns destroyed 90 percent of the rockets launched against it, thus allowing the port to remain open. Antwerp supplied no less than six allied armies in their push to the Rhine. Without the successful anti-aircraft defenses, the allied victories in Germany would have been delayed if it could have been gained at all.

"As the U.S. Army advanced across Europe, the 740th was utilized as field artillery infantry as well as continuing to maintain their duty as anti-aircraft artillery. Battlefield experience of the 740th was extensive and the abrupt change from the peaceful Oswego County farm life in Altmar to the European battlefield made for vivid memories for Lloyd.

"One account by Lloyd described how after many weeks without a hot meal, a field kitchen was set up for the men. Suddenly two German fighter planes began a low level attack. The planes seemed intent on destroying the field kitchen. Lloyd described the thud . . . thud . . . thud sound of the fighter's bullets hitting the ground until they traced through the field kitchen and, " . . . blew it all to hell." Because the foxholes and shell holes were full of water, Lloyd laid by a stone wall for cover.

"Many other wartime close calls and hardships were

described by Lloyd, some horrifying, but he and others like him never regret their service for their country, but instead relish its memory."

After World War Two, Lloyd B. Olin married Mary E. Sullivan, daughter of Thomas and Elsie Sullivan, on 3 September 1919 in Altmar. He started an automotive garage business in Watertown, later expanding it to include used cars sales. He retired from his business in 1984 after thirty-four years to devote his time to making bird houses and feeders for his fine feathered friends.

Lloyd B. and Mary E. Olin enjoying a leisurely vacation ca 1972.

Photo courtesy of Mary E. Olin

Lloyd was active in the Elizabeth Seton Church and the American Legion. Mary, his wife, worked occasionally as bookkeeper for others as well as full time for Lloyd's business. Lloyd B. Olin died at his home in Watertown, 6 November 1992 and was buried in the Glenwood Cemetery.

Lloyd and Mary Olin had two children: Stephen Lloyd Olin, born 8 October 1951, Watertown: and Mary Jill Olin, born 26 June 1962, Watertown.

STEPHEN OLIN (9)

Stephen Olin married Tanna LaRose, 3 June 1972, daughter of

George and Emily LaRose of Watertown, NY. Tanna was born, 17 November 1952.

Stephen Olin takes a moment to relax with his best friend. His family are avid hikers.

Stephen engraving barrels in a special vise. Antique "jeweler's vise" is in the foreground. All work is done by hand in the traditional manner.

Typical of Stephen Olin's hand engraving shown on a Colt pistol, 1997.

Photos courtesy of Stephen Olin

Stephen has sold insurance policies, worked for Oswego County Social Services and is presently self-employed. He has mastered the art of hand engraving, specializing in punching and etching engraved patterns of his design into metals, such as metal crests for pistols, rifles, and shotguns. Restoration of old engraving has been a challenge, requiring Steve to learn other styles of cutting techniques. All of his engravings are cut by hand without the aid of any sort of mechanical aid or device in his home studio in Mexico, NY.

Stephen and Tanna Olin have two children: Cari Sue Olin, born 8 June 1976: and Corey Stephen, born 19 March 1979, both in Watertown. Cari plans to be a special education teacher and Corey is attending Rochester Institute of Technology to become a film videographer.

MARY J. OLIN (9)

Mary Jill Olin graduated from Jefferson Community College in Watertown and is employed by the Nine Mile Point Niagara Mohawk Nuclear Power Company as a plant operating clerk for unit number two. Mary Jill married Gary P. Whitaker and has a son, Travis Whitaker, born 9 March 1993.

John OLIN (1)
Joseph OLIN (2)
Phillip OLIN (3)
Benjamin OLIN (4)
Benjamin OLIN (5)
Russell OLIN (6)
Harriet Crocker

Children (7)

1 - Susan Estella OLIN

2 - Freddie OLIN

3 - Benjamin S. OLIN
Nellie Pinner
(See Chart # 25)

4 - Lewis E. OLIN
Minnie Looker
(See Chart # 26)

5 - Eugene H. OLIN
Della Streeter

6 - Russell G. OLIN

7 - Mary Theresa OLIN
Milton F. Carter

8 - Erwin OLIN

(8)

Milton OLIN

Hazel M. OLIN
Clyde Sorrel

(son)

(daughters) *

Theodore R. CARTER

Ellsworth CARTER

Verna A. CARTER
Clark L. Chase

Ruth M. CARTER
Charles Knight

Milton F. CARTER, Jr.
Katherine BROWN

Margaret CARTER

(9)

Clyde SORREL, Jr.

Sue SORREL

John CARTER

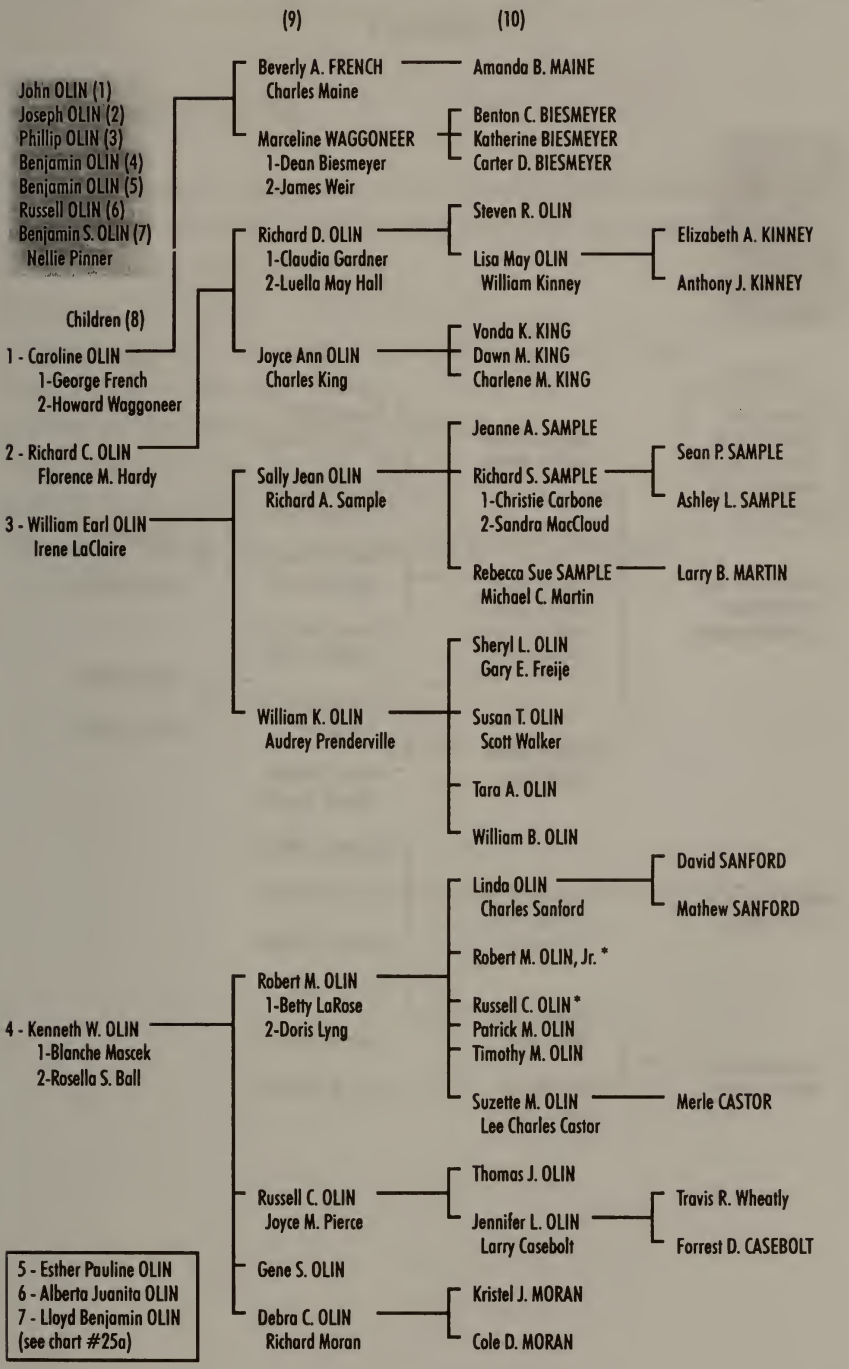
Richard CARTER

Merle CARTER

Robert KNIGHT

* indicates twins

CHART 25 BENJAMIN S. OLIN AND NELLIE PINNER FAMILY



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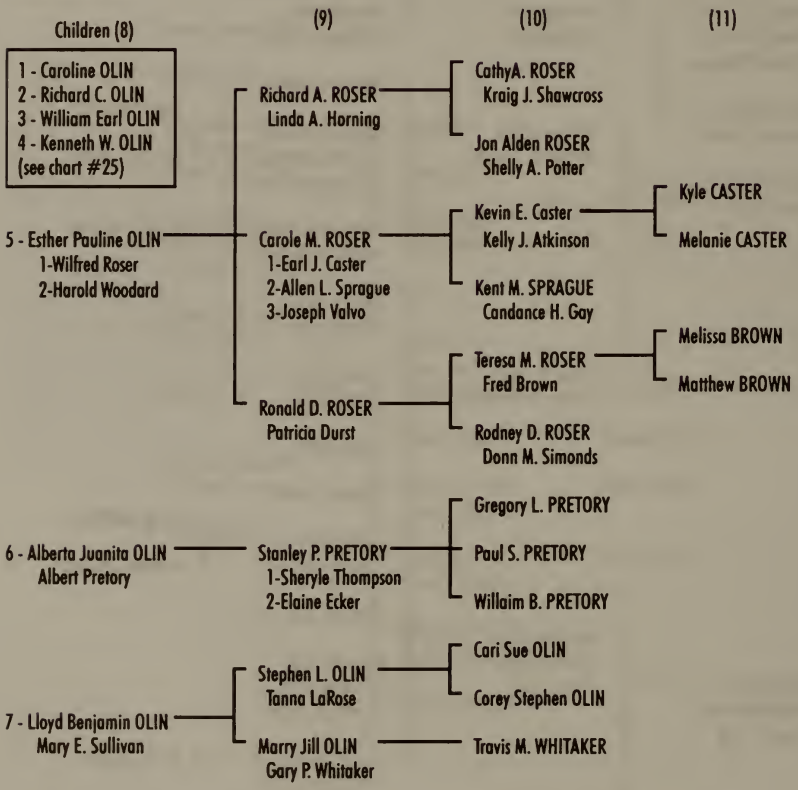

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Part VIII

Lewis Edgar Olin (7) and Minnie Looker Family

"Each man is a bundle of his ancestors" - Emerson

Chapter 25

Lewis (7) and Minnie Olin's Children: Floyd, Blanche, Clinton, George, Raymond, Ella Mae, Clyde, and Maude.

LEWIS EDGAR OLIN (7)

The fourth child of Russell and Harriett Crocker Olin was Lewis Edgar Olin, born 1870 in Altmar. Lewis, like his predecessors, was a woodsman, sawyer and farmer. He and his brother, Benjamin, formed

It took at least four men to load a bobsled with logs from a skidway. Many Olins were operating woodsmen in Oswego County during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Photo courtesy of Dewitt Wiley

a close relationship in their early years which remained throughout their lives, helping each other in times of hardship.

Lewis Olin married Minnie Looker, born 8 June 1877, about 1893, when Minnie was sixteen years old. She told her grandchildren, "The first time I saw your grandpa, Lewis, I knew I would marry him. Love at first sight."

Lewis and Minnie made their home in Orwell where eight of their ten children were born. The children were: Floyd Edwin, born 1895 in Jayville, NY; Blanche Mae, born 1896 in Pulaski, NY; Clinton Earl, born 1899; Edith Ida, born 1901; Adelbert Lewis, born 1904; Raymond Alfred, born 1906; George James, born 1907; Ella Mae, born 1909; Clyde Edward, born 1910; and Maude Ellen, born 1912.

In 1900, eighteen-year-old Ray Looker, brother of Minnie Looker Olin, was living with the Lewis Olin family in Orwell. Ray helped Lewis on the Olin farm while the Olin children were very young. Lewis decided against dairy farming in favor of growing potatoes for the markets. He was recognized as the area's productive potato farmer.

What a load of logs! Note the chains and binders used to keep the logs in place.

Photo courtesy of Ethel Evans Markham

A typical load of logs on a bobsled pulled by a team of horses. On downgrades, snow was removed making dirt available for men to throw under the runners to help brake the load.

Linn tractors having ski runners on front and crawler tracks on rear increased hauling efficiency during the early 1900s.

Photos courtesy of Ethel Evans Markham

His advertisement in the 1917-18 Oswego County Directory reads, "L. OLIN, POTATOES, RICHLAND, 50 ACRES."

During the 1920s and 30s, Orwell had its share of snow storms and annoying snow drifts. It often required neighborhood men to hand shovel snow to assist the huge Linn trucks with half tracks when trying to break through the deep drifts. In the spring the dirt roads were usually smoothed with horse-drawn wooden floats weighted down with rocks. The residue scraped from the high spots filled in the holes. When the soft spots of the holes became wet, more mud appeared. If a grader was used to open the ditches, usually powered by steam tractors, the ditch residue of mud, weeds and stones was forced to the middle of the road. Naturally, in order to make the road passable, this residue was pushed back toward the ditch leaving treacherous, soft, unstable shoulders.

Lewis Olin claimed to have four good seasonal cash crops: vegetables in the summer; grain in the fall; snow drifts in the winter; and mud-holes in the spring. His team and tractor were in use the year around. However, in one spring, Lewis was accused of being a tad bit too enterprising. He kept a mud hole active during dry days. He would scoop a hole in the road downhill from his house, fill it with soft garden dirt and keep it well watered and muddy. It was said that Lewis Olin made at least five dollars each time he pulled a car or truck out of that mudhole.

FLOYD EDWIN OLIN (8)

The first child, Floyd Edwin Olin, born 18 February 1895 in Jayville, St. Lawrence County, New York, of Lewis and Minnie Olin, married Rose Hayes 6 July 1918 in Pulaski. Rose, born 25 March 1901, was a daughter of Jay and Minnie Snyder Hayes. The Floyd and Rose Olin family were Methodists and had two children: Lloyd Francis Olin, born 11 April 1926 and an infant born 1931, who died upon birth.

Lloyd Francis Olin married Dorothy Spencer 16 July 1956. They had two children: Kay Ann, born 16 November 1961; and Scott Francis born 22 May 1967. Kay became a hairdresser and Scott became a mechanic.

Rose Hayes Olin graduated from the Watertown Business School. She died 26 July 1987 in Lowville and was buried in the west Lowville Cemetery. Floyd E. Olin died 17 November 1970. He was a farmer for most of his seventy-five years and had served his country in times of war.

BLANCHE MAE OLIN (8)

Blanche Mae Olin, born 1896, the first daughter of Lewis and Minnie Olin, was married first to William Bailey about 1911. They had two children: Clinton R. Bailey, born 1912 who died 1962, possibly unmarried, and Carl Bailey who apparently was married and had two children, Carl and Jackie Bailey. Blanche Mae Olin Bailey married a second time to William Sweet. She died 1960 in Oswego, NY.

CLINTON EARL OLIN (8)

"Bill" Clinton Earl Olin, born 6 June 1899, became known as a "lumberjack," much as many of his cousins and uncles. On 19 October 1918, Bill married Esther Grinnals, daughter of Fran Grinnals and Lottie Daily. They had no issue. His second marriage was to an Oswego County school teacher, Hazel Riley, born 23 March 1899, daughter of John W. Riley and Ethel Orvis. Clinton and Hazel Olin had a son, Ronald John Olin, born in Syracuse on 30 September 1937. Clinton Olin died 1 June 1953 and was buried in the Boylston Wesleyan Cemetery. Hazel Riley Olin died 21 June 1958.

RONALD J. OLIN (9)

Ronald J. Olin, son of Clinton and Hazel Olin, joined the United States Army in August 1961, serving two years before returning to Blount's Lumber Company in Lacoma, New York. After a year at Blount's, Ronald began driving "over the road" trucks. Two years later, he began a permanent job at Fulton Boiler works.

Ronald married Veronica Ann Potter, born 18 November 1943 in Orwell, daughter of Milfred and Lillian Potter. Their marriage was officiated by Rev. Wesley Baker at her parents' home on 5 October

1963. Ronald and Veronica Olin have two children: Rhonda Sue, born 3 July 1969; and William Milfred, born 7 July 1971 in Watertown. William M. Olin attended the Canandaigua Community College to become an environmental conservationist.

RAYMOND A. OLIN (8)

The sixth child of Lewis and Minnie Olin, Raymond Alfred Olin, known as "Sam," born 1 April 1906 in Orwell, suffered many jokes about his "April Fool's Birthday." Perhaps that was reason enough not to marry.

Sam was employed by the Oswego County Department of Public works and later by the New York State Conservation Department. He did reforestation work in the Counties of Oswego, Jefferson and Lewis, before retiring in 1969. He wanted to live on his parents' farm after his retirement and was fortunate to gain his sibling's endorsement in 1971. In his declining years, Sam lived with a grandnephew, James LaCelle on Jackson Road in Orwell. Raymond A. Olin died 18 August 1985 and was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery.

GEORGE JAMES OLIN (8)

George J. Olin, born 1907, the seventh child of Lewis and Minnie Olin, died at sixteen in 1923 and was buried in the Altmar Cemetery. Ernest Field, undertaker, uncle of Veronica Potter Olin, was unable to reach the Olin home on Jackson Road because of a bad snow storm and resulting drifts. Young George's body was kept at home in the cold parlor well over a week before Mr. Field arrived.

ELLA MAE OLIN (8)

The eighth child for Lewis and Minnie Olin, Ella Mae Olin, born 25 April 1909 in Orwell, married Lynn Phillips, son of David Phillips and Liza K. Emons, in Albion on 30 January 1927. Lynn, born 13 February 1907, was employed as a mechanic. Ella Mae died 6 March 1983 and was buried in the south Richland cemetery. Lynn and Ella Mae Phillips had four children: Dorothy J. Phillips, Doris Phillips, Lynn Phillips, Jr., and an unnamed infant born and died in 1937.

DOROTHY J. PHILLIPS (9)

Dorothy Jane Phillips, born 7 September 1927, married Dale Bristol about 1952. Dale, born 30 September 1927, was the son of Floyd and Doris Bristol. Dale and Dorothy operated a sizeable dairy farm near Altmar. Dorothy had always proved to be capable and dependable help for Dale on their farm, but tragedy struck the Phillips family in 1986.

Dale had gotten his tractor stuck in a meadow. He asked Dorothy to bring the other tractor to pull him out of the mud hole. Dorothy had done this chore several times over the years, but this time, her foot slipped off the clutch, allowing her tractor to rear backwards landing on her. It was a fatal accident. Dorothy Bristol died 30 September 1986 and was buried in the Dugway Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Dale and Dorothy were a devoted couple. He had a difficult time forgiving himself. Dale, being a Christian, said, "The times of man are in the hands of God."

Dale and Dorothy Bristol had two sons: David and Daniel Bristol. David, born 1 September 1954, married Sue Bahrs, a registered nurse. He operates heavy-duty equipment for railroads. They have three children: Edward David Bristol, born 1971; Jennifer Bristol, born 8 November 1981; and Jacqueline Bristol, born 1984.

Daniel Bristol, born 29 August 1956 married Alaina Wiltse, 11 June 1977 with no issue. His second marriage to Joey _____ provided two children: Miranda Bristol, born 1984; and James Bristol, born 1986. Daniel Bristol is employed in the management of Alcan Aluminum.

DORIS PHILLIPS (9)

Doris Phillips, born 3 September 1929, daughter of Lynn and Ella Mae Phillips, married Joseph Murray about 1952. Joseph, born 25 August 1919, was from Ellenville, New York. They established their home in Ellenville until Joseph retired, at which time they moved to Pulaski next door to Doris' parents on Tinker Tavern Road. Joseph and Doris Murray had two daughters, Jo Ellen and Geralyn Murray.

Jo Ellen Murray, born 30 September 1954, married Steven Strait on 12 July 1975. Steven was a geohydraulist and Jo Ellen taught

college level geology. Steven and Jo Ellen Strait had three children: Nickolus born 5 December 1978; Braden, born 8 August 1980 and Jillian, born 24 April 1983.

Geralyn Murray, born 22 September 1957, married Terrence O'Loughton on 6 August 1983. Terrence works as an accountant and Geralyn is a consultant in the radiation therapy unit at a hospital in Utica. Terrence and Geralyn O'Loughton have two children: Benjamin O'Loughton, born 1 October 1984; and Rachel O'Loughton, born 26 April 1986.

LYNN PHILLIPS, JR. (9)

Lynn Phillips, Jr., born 15 January 1938 in Pulaski, the third and last child of Lynn and Ella Mae Phillips, married Carole M. Carl about 1958. Carole was born 24 February 1940. They reside in Jamestown, New York where Lynn taught special reading to adults. Lynn and Carole Phillips had two children: Julie Ann Phillips and Thomas Lynn Phillips.

Julia Ann Phillips, born 30 June 1960 married John Rivers in 1986. John Rivers was employed in the Science Department in a Rochester, New York hospital.

Thomas Lynn Phillips, born 30 January 1963, married Kelly Humble 10 July 1982. They have a daughter, Alicia Phillips, born 14 January 1983.

CLYDE E. OLIN (8)

The ninth child born to Lewis and Minnie Olin, Clyde Edward Olin, born 3 September 1910 in Orwell, married Alma Jackson shortly after World War II. He had served his country in time of need and was working for the New York State Conservation Corps. Clyde died 28 January 1971 and Alma married Burton Lago. Clyde E. and Alma Olin had two daughters: Beverly Jean Olin, born ca 1952, and Wannetta Olin who married _____ Harter.

Clyde and Alma were proud of their daughters, especially Beverly Jean. She graduated with honors from the Sandy Creek High School in 1970. However, his death in 1971 prevented him from sharing her chosen career honors. After a short marriage with _____

Comstock, Beverly Jean Olin enlisted in the United States Air Force. By 1986 she had received several promotions under the Stripes for Exceptional Performance (STEP) program, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant. The STEP program allowed commanders of major air commands to promote ahead of their peers a limited number of enlisted personnel who perform outstandingly under unique conditions.

Beverly Jean Olin Comstock, Daughter of Clyde E. Olin and Alma Jackson, 1971.

Beverly Jean Olin Comstock was Personnel Director Technician for the Air Force Headquarters of Manpower and Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. She received her Associate Degree, 1986, from San Antonio College, Texas. Beverly Comstock was later assigned to Ottawa, Canada, where she performed the duties of Senior Master Sergeant.

MAUDE ELLEN OLIN (8)

The tenth and last child of Lewis and Minnie Olin, Maude Ellen Olin, born 1912 and died 1912, and was buried in the Altmar cemetery.

Chapter 26

Lewis (7) and Minnie Olin's Children: Edith and Adelbert

EDITH IDA OLIN (8)

Lewis Edwin and Minnie Looker Olin's fourth child, daughter Edith Ida Olin, born 25 September 1901, married Everett LaCelle on 25 October 1919 in Clinton, Oneida County, New York. She had waited until she was eighteen years old for her marriage to Everett, who was born 5 October 1895 in Altmar, son of Charles and Flora Reynolds LaCelle.

Everett LaCelle was a staunch Baptist, a World War I veteran, a knowledgeable mechanic, and had a great sense of humor. He once described the similarities between a woman and a gas or steam engine.

> "When you first meet them, they're not much more than a cold hunk. Awkward, maybe, and beautiful—but awful cold. And unless you know your way around engines (or was I talking about women?) you're sort of afraid to touch anything you don't understand. And if you do, you're likely to find yourself mighty sorry and sore.
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> "But after a little bit of cautious manipulating, fidgeting, twisting, turning, bending, and all sorts of silly fussing and making a dam fool of yourself—along with a little swearing, sweating, and a lot of patience—she decides to cooperate.
>
> "So, now you start to feed her fuel. Coaxing and hoping, till finally things are going just fine. She's all steamed up, spruced up, and shiny. And what about you? Well, you're just as proud as punch to be near her. All of a sudden you find it's hard to figure out whether you turned her on or did she turn you on. All you know is you need her as much as she needs you and it feels real good."

Everett and Edith LaCelle had three children: Marjorie E. Lacelle, Charles L. Lacelle, and Helen M. Lacelle. Edith Olin Lacelle died 28 November 1961 and Everett Lacelle died two years later, 7 October 1971. Both are buried in the Pulaski Cemetery.

MARJORIE E. LACELLE (9)

Their first daughter, Marjorie E. Lacelle, born 5 January 1921, married about 1941 to Earl D. Elkin, born 8 December 1918, son of Donald Elkin. Earl had his own mechanics shop in Rome and later in Melbourne, Florida where he became known as a "wheeler and dealer."

Earl and Marjorie Elkin had three daughters: Patricia Ann Elkin, Sandra Jean Elkin and Elaine Marie Elkin.

Patricia Ann Elkin, born 25 April 1942 in Rome, NY married Milfred H. Potter on 23 June 1962 in the parsonage of the Orwell Methodist Church. Milfred worked for the Orwell Highway Department and became its Superintendent in 1987. He and Patricia raised young stock on their farm. They have three surviving daughters, after losing twin boys born in 1963. The three Potter children were: Loretta Lynn, born 6 June 1965; Katherine Lisa born 13 February 1969; and Valerie Ann, born 11 February 1971.

Sandra J. Elkin, born 22 July 1943, Rome, New York, married Wayne D. Taplin on 13 April 1963 in the church at Fernwood, Oswego County, New York. Sandra works in the office for Cable Solutions and Wayne is a union carpenter on construction sites. Sandra and Wayne Taplin have two children: Wayne D. Taplin, Jr., born 20 December 1966; and Beth Louise Taplin, born 30 June 1969.

Elaine Marie Elkin, born 20 July 1953, has had two marriages and a daughter in her second marriage.

CHARLES L. LACELLE (9)

Everett and Edith Lacelle's second child, Charles Lewis LaCelle, informally known as "Bud," born 28 November 1922 in Pulaski, served in World War II and has worked for local railroads. He married Mary Jolene Cole on 2 July 1949. She was born 27 January 1933 in Orwell. Charles died at age fifty-two on 15 March 1974 in Orwell and was buried in the Orwell Cemetery.

Charles "Bud" Lacelle and Mary Jolene Cole had four children born in Oswego: a son, James Lewis LaCelle; twin girls, Christine Louise and Christal Anne LaCelle; and a daughter, Becky Sue LaCelle.

James Lewis LaCelle, born 27 October 1953, married Wanda Annette Clark, born 26 September 1956. Their marriage took place in the Orwell Methodist Church on 5 July 1975. James works for the Orwell Highway Department and Wanda is employed as a salesperson for the V & F Linoleum Store in Pulaski. They have remodeled and live in James' great-grandfather's house on Jackson Road in Orwell. James and Wanda LaCelle have two children: Craig James LaCelle, born 4 January 1978; and Corine Mary LaCelle born 10 July 1984.

One of the twins, Christine Louise LaCelle, born 19 June 1955, married chef Marvin Ward on 2 August 1975. They had two children: Samuel Joseph Ward born 10 February 1978; and Cassie Nicole Ward, born 9 January 1981. A few years later, Christine had a son, William James Marko, Jr., born 8 July 1987, with William James Marko, who was employed by the town of Redfield Highway Department.

The other twin, Christal Anne LaCelle, born 19 June 1955, married Edwin Lamont Ashby, a welder, on 22 October 1972. They have two children: Shanna Anne Ashby, born 19 January 1973; and Edwin Lamont Ashby, Jr., born 10 September 1977.

Becky Sue LaCelle, born 23 June 1958, lives with William Stedman, son of Lloyd and Grace Stedman. He works at the Salmon River Fish Hatchery and does considerable trapping in the winter and operates a charter boat service on Lake Ontario. Becky Sue LaCelle, employed by Williamstown Wire Company, and William Stedman have two children: Lacey Mae Stedman, born 1 September 1984; and Maegen Maria Stedman, born 14 September 1987.

HELEN M. LACELLE (9)

Everett and Edith LaCelle's younger daughter, Helen M. LaCelle, born 25 May 1924 in Pulaski, married Elmer Buford Helper, born 3 January 1916, on 9 March 1945 in Rome, NY. Helen retired after working twenty years at the Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, Oneida County, NY. She and Elmer moved to Melbourne, Florida, in 1976, returning summers to their camp on Lake Ontario. Helen LaCelle

Helper died 16 March 1987 in Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida. She was returned north to be buried in the Pulaski Cemetery.

Elmer and Helen Helper had two children: Buford Dennis Helper, born 27 January 1947: and Jeanette C. Helper, born 23 January 1949. Young Buford married Marilyn _____ and works for the New York State Rehabilitation Center for Drugs near Albany, NY. Buford and Marilyn Helper have a son, Dennis Buford Helper.

Jeanette C. Helper married Robert Ferlo, who is on special assignment involving military surveillance. They have two children: Tracy and Dan Noll Ferlo.

ADELBERT LEWIS OLIN (8)

The fifth child of Lewis and Minnie Olin, Adelbert (Del/Deb) Olin, born 15 April 1904, was a farmer in the town of Orwell. He married Marie Palamteer/Pomitier about 1923. They had two daughters: Daisy Marie and Gladys Arlene Olin.

DAISY MARIE OLIN (9)

Daisy M. Olin, born 9 August 1925, married Warren Dingman on 26 June 1943 and had two children: Robert James and Mary Ann Dingman.

L to R: Canadian Maretta Olan Fair visits with her American cousins, the sisters Gladys Olin Woolson and Daisy Olin Rayo at the Richland, NY 1991 OLIN/OLAN Reunion.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

Robert J. Dingman, born 9 July 1944, married Annette Amato on 29 August 1965 and died ten years later on 31 October 1975. Robert and Annette had a daughter, Pamela Dingman, born 17 August 1966, who married Michael Morgan on 26 July 1986. Pamela, a deputy sheriff in Winter Park, Florida, married a second time on 20 August 1995. She lives on a mini-ranch in Sanford, Florida.

Mary Ann Dingman, born 1 December 1949, married first to Kurt Roger Schultz on 29 June 1969. They had a son, Kurt Roger Schultz, Jr., born 23 January 1971. Mary Ann's second marriage on 24 May 1975 was to Theodore Tomlinson who adopted young Kurt Schultz. Mary Ann graduated from LeMoyne College, 1983. She and her husband, Ted, moved to Ohio in 1995.

Kurt Roger Tomlinson graduated from General Motors Institute in Michigan in 1994. Also in 1994, he married Margaret Elaine Reeves on 9 July. He worked for General Motors two years before training to become a Methodist minister. He has a parish in Garden, Ohio, and is continuing his schooling, expecting to be ordained in 1999.

Daisy M. Olin Dingman married a second time to Joseph Rayo, 8 December 1974.

GLADYS ARLENE OLIN (9)

Adelbert and Marie Olin's other daughter, Gladys A. Olin, born 17 July 1931 in Orwell, married Rex Albert Woolson, a lumberman working for the Blount Lumber Company in Lacona, New York. Their marriage took place on 10 September 1948 in the Sandy Creek Methodist Church.

Jo-Anne Fair Moriarty submits the following comments:

> "Gladys and her sister Daisy and their spouses were instrumental in sustaining the reunions held in Richland from 1989 to 1994. Gladie brought a spaghetti salad to the evening pot luck meal. This most scrumptious cold pasta made a hit with everyone. She generously shared her recipe with us and we in turn passed it on to our friends and family as far away as Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
>
> "Here is another one of Gladdie's creations:

TURKEY STUFFING

4 eggs
½ cup chopped celery
½ envelope Lipton's onion soup
4 cups seasoned crotons
1 cup uncooked popcorn

Beat eggs, add to other ingredients and stuff the turkey. Bake at 375° F for three hours. When three hours are up, get the hell out of the kitchen because that stuffing is going to blow that turkey's gut right through the oven door."

Rex and Gladys Woolson have two sons: David Rex Woolson and Steven Albert Woolson, both born in Oswego, New York.

DAVID REX WOOLSON (10)

David, born 6 December 1953, works for the Fulton Boiler Works. He married Joan Ashby and they had three children born in Syracuse: David Rex Woolson, born 9 October 1974; Joseph David Woolson, born 25 May 1976; and Melissa Marie Woolson, born 15 September 1977. David Rex Woolson, Sr. was elected Town Councilman in 1996 for a four-year term.

David Rex, Jr. is a welder at the Fulton Boiler Works. Joseph David is a truck driver. Melissa (Missy) Marie works in a nursing home.

STEVEN ALBERT WOOLSON (10)

The youngest son of Rex and Gladys Woolson, Steven Albert Woolson, married Alice Beattie of Mannsville, Jefferson County, New York. He was naturally musically inclined. When Steve was twenty-one years old in August 1977, the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis Presley, died. Talented Steve Woolson, proficient with guitar and voice, began impersonating Elvis as a bit of a spoof for his friends. Encouraged by

Most of the two-day attendees are shown in front of the Oswego County, NY Half Shire Historical Society in Richland, NY where the OLIN/OLAN Reunion was held in 1991.

- Photos courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

Steve Woolson on stage in 1978 impersonating Elvis Presley. Steve is a son of Gladys A. Olin and Rex Woolson. Steve married Alice Beatle.

his friends, Steve entered and won an Elvis sound-a-like contest in Syracuse. He decided to perfect both the appearance and performance of his act by studying video tapes of Elvis' concerts and television appearances.

Steve's first public performance as Elvis Presley occurred at a concert in Pulaski where he received national attention. PM Magazine featured his performance on national television and Steven Woolson found himself launched into a new career. He traveled to Las Vegas for a lucrative engagement where his performance brought the audience to a standing ovation. He returned home to perform at benefits and engagements in central New York State. When Las Vegas signed him up for a second tour, Steve Woolson was headed for a bigger and more rewarding career than he had ever anticipated.

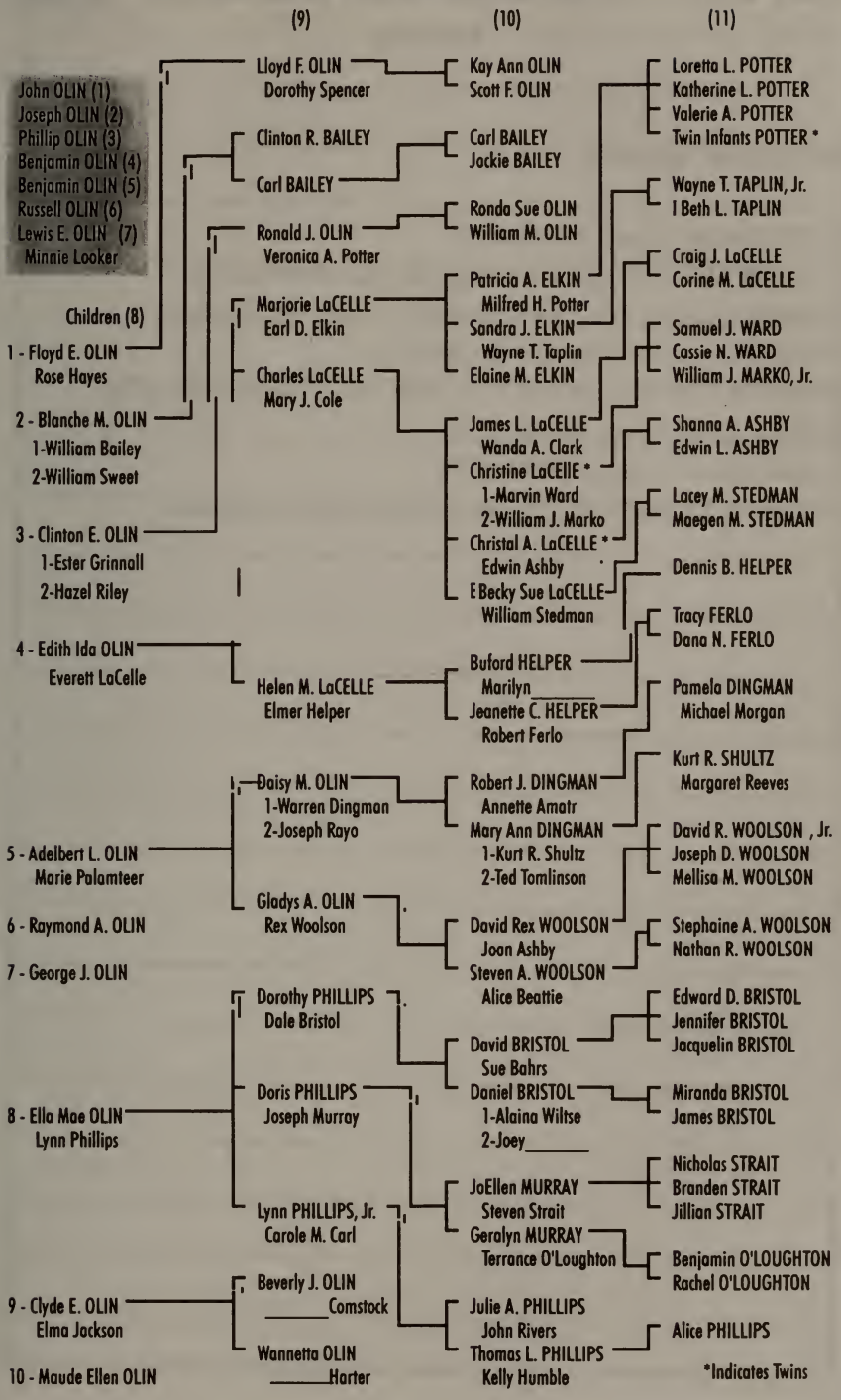
But Steve was married and he had started a family. He didn't really appreciate the fast lane offered to him. He preferred his devoted wife and children, so he dropped any further public appearances as Elvis Presley in favor of continuing his close relationship with his family.

However, Steve Woolson still enjoys entertaining and performs on occasion for his friends and family, although not as Elvis. Again, Jo-Anne Fair Moriarty shares her comments:

"Steven has entertained us numerous evenings, on stage and by campfires, at our reunions in Richland. He rousted his father, Rex, also of great musical talent, to join him on stage. Steve sang gospel, rock, country and our favorite Elvis tunes. It didn't take much coaxing to get Speedy Woodard to join the duet with his harmonica expertise."

Steven is employed as a welder for the Fulton Thermo Company in Pulaski. Steve and Alice Woolson had two children: Stephanie Ann, born 9 January 1980; and Nathan Richard Woolson, born 26 January 1981. Nathan died at age sixteen in 1997. Stephanie graduated with honors from Sandy Creek High School in 1997 and is continuing her education while working part time in the Pulaski Ponderosa Restaurant.

CHART 26 LEWIS E. OLIN (7) AND MINNIE LOOKER FAMILY



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PART IX

OLIN/OLAN Families of Ontario, Canada

If our lot in life is better, it is important to remember those who have gone before us, paving the way!
—Anon.

Chapter 27

Benjamin F. Olin/Olan (6) And Mary Jane Davis Family

Author's Note:

We are very fortunate to have one of our Canadian Olin/Olan cousins interested in our family history. She is Jo-Anne Fair Moriarty who, along with her mother, Maretta Olan Fair, researched and gathered material on the Olin/Olan family in Canada. Jo-Anne has graciously written the text for Parts IX and X with its eight chapters.

I have taken the liberty to sprinkle my text with some of her delightful observations involving state-side Olins.

Jo-Anne is a prime organizer for the Canadian Olin/Olan annual reunion and is current President of the International Olin Family Society (OFS).

It takes a lot of time and patience to gather material and to write a family record. Therefore, I thank and congratulate Jo-Anne, her husband, Douglas, their two daughters, Jolene and Justene, and her mother and father, Marietta and Joseph Fair, for their cooperation.

All photos in her eight chapters are from Jo-Anne and her mother's collection except where noted otherwise. Ann Cresswell Cameron

assisted by providing detailed write-up on the George Washington Olan (7) descendants. Many others also deserve our thanks.

BENJAMIN OLIN (6) AND MARY JANE DAVIS

Benjamin Franklin Olin was born near New Centreville, Albion Township, Oswego County, New York, USA, on the 5th of January, 1840 to a family of ten children. Benjamin was the ninth child. His parents were Susan Partlo and Benjamin Olin of Connecticut, who had migrated east to New York State from Connecticut for a new beginning. They would make this Albion Township their home.

The first settler to the Township of Albion came in 1812, to see a skyline of dense forests of pine, hemlock and deciduous trees. The population growth in this area was steady and Albion was known as one of the chief lumbering towns in Oswego County. The 'Town of Albion' consisted of 30,000 acres. Salmon River, dotted with sawmills, was the main waterway through the town. By 1860, there were thirty-eight sawmills and three tanneries.

Benjamin had an adventurous nature and at a very young age made his way across Lake Ontario to the untamed lands of Upper Canada (Ontario). This untouched area was receiving immigrants in growing numbers. There were potato famine victims from Ireland settling in Durham County, near Peterborough, Scots settling in Middlesex County, near London, and United Empire Loyalists settling in the Niagara Region and in Prince Edward County, near Kingston. Crown land in Ontario was easy to come by if federal regulations were followed, such as in clearing specific amounts of land in specific time frames.

All of upstate New York had heard the stories from across the Lake of land for the taking with lush forests needing to be cleared to make way for farming and industry. Thousands of rich and untouched acres of land were yet to be explored. The hard times and struggles in this new land were downplayed. Benjamin Olin, the second youngest of Ben and Susan, was excited by these tales. There had been generations of woodsmen and farmers before him in his family and he welcomed the challenge of a new life in Canada.

To make the long journey with Ben was a good friend and neighbor,

Ferdinand Levi Gurley. The men's journey would span Lake Ontario from Port Oswego, New York to Cobourg, Ontario. This area in Clarke Township had escalated in population from 2,500 in 1841 to 6,000 by1851. Its popularity and growth is likely what drew Ben and Levi to this area once they reached the shores of Ontario. Twenty years later, in 1871, there would be the first sign of population decline. For many years, Kendal was the center of a flourishing lumber trade with saw mills dotting the Ganaraska River.

In 1857, Ben was working as a shingle-maker in the village of Kendal, Ontario, where he met a young lady, Mary Jane Davis of Hope Township, near Kendal and soon thereafter they married. The wedding service took place on September 5th, 1859 at the United Presbyterian Church in the town of Port Hope, presided over by Rev. John Cassil. Ben's American friend, Levi Gurley, followed suit and married Elizabeth Prouse of Hope Township in 1864.

Ben and Mary Jane had a son, late in the year of 1861, after the 1861 census of Hope Township was taken. The baby was named Levi after Ben's best friend, Ferdinand Levi Gurley. Infant Levi was not noted in this census, but he was born in 1861, probably in the fall or early winter of that year.

Shortly after Ben and Levi sailed across Lake Ontario, Ben's brother, Russell Olin, and his wife Harriet Jane (Hattie) Olin, would make the same voyage also settling in the Kendal area with Ben and Mary Jane Olin and Levi and Elizabeth Gurley. Hattie gave birth to their first child, Susan Estella Olin, born ca 1865, near Kendal, Ontario.

In conversation with Esther Woodard in 1988 in Richland, New York, Esther lamented how her Aunt Susan Estella could not obtain a birth certificate for herself for proof of age to receive her pension. At no time could her Aunt Susan Estella find a record of her birth in New York, as she was born in Ontario and apparently never knew it. For whatever reason, this information was not passed onto Susan Estella and for her whole life, she did not know where she was born. In the census, Susan is shown as Canadian born, between Russell and Benjamin's family. There is overlap of names among the children, no doubt a way showing fondness for each other.

In February 1864, Ben and Russell Olin's parents both died only

two weeks apart and are buried at the Pineville Cemetery, not far from Centerville, New York. Susan died on the 3rd and her husband Ben, pining for her loss, died on the17th, just days after her. Family folklore says Ben returned to New Centerville to assist in settling up his parent's affairs. In this same year of 1864, a will of William Olin leaving his estate to the ten children of Ben and Susan Olin of New Centreville, New York shows the residence for Ben and his brother, Russell Olin, as in the Township of Clarke in Canada West. The Township of Clarke is where Kendal, Ontario is located.

In 1869, Russell, Hattie and their daughter, Susan Olin, returned to Albion Township in Oswego County, New York to live. Ben and Mary Jane Olin and their four children would soon uproot as well and move to New York. Levi was eight, Alfred five, Susan two and George was a baby. Russell, Hattie and Ben Olin were returning home, to their birthplace. Along with them on this move were Charles and wife Isobel Davis and their two sons, John, who was two, and George, who was one year old. The move for Mary Jane, her brother Charles Davis and his family must have been very exciting for the first time travelers, but very devastating for Mary Jane and Charles' parents, Electa and Erel Davis. They must have wondered if they would ever see their children or grandchildren again. Mary Jane also left behind a sister, Rosalpa Davis (who later would marry a Mr. Walker).

Near New Centreville, New York, Ben and Mary Jane Olin purchased land from Floyd Crocker and also from Lousia Smart. New Centreville, New York, once a community, is today only identified by a road sign at the corner of Centreville Road and County Road 48, Albion Township, Oswego County in New York. A village does not exist there anymore.

In the 1870 census of Albion Township, Oswego County census in New York, Ben, Mary Jane, Levi, Alfred, Susan and George Olin are documented as residents of New York State.

In 1874, Ben and Mary Jane Olin sold their land to his brother Russell and they returned to Clarke Township, near Kendal, Ontario to live. They would not return to the United States to live.

On March 1880, Mary Jane Olin died in childbirth along with her seventh child. She was 39 years old. Mary Jane and her child were

buried at Shiloh Church on Lot 5, Concession 5 in Clarke Township, Durham County in Ontario. The headstone has a crack through it making two large pieces and a few small ones. For many years, the pieces of stone leaned against the back of the church. Shiloh church is in a rural area and did not receive many Olan visitors. As the Olan grandchildren grew older and more interested in their past, they would visit the gravesite on a Sunday afternoon. After each visit, they would be so upset to see the stone not in its proper location and leaning against the church, gaining more pieces. Eventually, they investigated through the church's records and memory of the caretaker, where they felt the stone should be placed. The caretaker placed the stone pieces on the ground puzzling them in order making the headstone legible. The inscription remains today quite clear to read. The grass overgrows the stone and when I visit the gravesite, I dig the overgrown sod away to make the stone more visible. The stone is settling in the ground a bit as well. Mary Jane Davis Olin's stone reads:

In memory of Mary Jane,
wife of Benjamin F. Olin
died Mar. 2, 1880
aged 39 years

A religious quote is below this inscription.

After Mary Jane's death, Benjamin attempted to raise his five boys and a daughter on his own. Dean, the youngest, was a mere three years of age, Ben, eight; George, eleven; Susan, fourteen (by six days); Alfred, fifteen; and Levi, near nineteen. It was not long until Ben realized he could not raise his family alone. Within two years of his wife's passing, Ben made the decision to move to the North Country near Novar, Ontario to make a living at the mills that were sprouting up along the rivers and where the work was plentiful. Levi, the eldest, also widowed, would go with his father. Levi left behind his infant son, Arnilda Olin to be raised by his in-laws, Jim and Katharine Turner near Pontypool, Ontario. Alfred moved shortly after his father and brother to the North Country taking his young wife, Jennie Turner and their son, Bertram. Susan would marry a Kendal area man just

before her sixteenth birthday. Youngsters George, Ben and Dean went to live with their maternal grandmother, Electa Davis, near Kendal. When George and Dean came of age, they traveled to the North Country to work with their father and their older brothers in the mills. George Olan married a lady from the North Country and Dean Olin remained a bachelor. In later years, Ben Olan (7) would recollect that he never saw his father again after that separation. He also spoke fondly of his grandmother, Electa Davis, and would weep openly when he realized she would have been a widow in her seventies when the three boys came to live with her. And how did she manage to raise them?

The American immigrant, Ben Olin, never remarried and remained in the North Country working in the lumber mills with his sons, living between Levi's and Alfred's homes. Ben died in 1907 and is buried at the United Church Cemetery at Novar, Ontario. Ben Olin's tombstone reads:

Benjamin F. Olan,
Died June 26, 1907
Aged 67 years
5 mos. 21 dys

Chapter 28

Levi Olin/Olan (7) and His Three Wives; Turner, Wilkinson and Burton

LEVI OLIN (7)

Levi Olin was the eldest child of Benjamin and Mary Jane Davis and was born in Clarke Township, Durham County in 1861. Levi was married three times. His first wife, Emma Turner, was from the Pontypool area, Ontario. Levi and Emma lost their first born child, George Olin, as an infant. Their second son, Arnilda, was born on New Year's Day, 1888. Emma was born around 1860 and died in her mid-twenties shortly after Arnilda's birth and is buried at Pontypool, Ontario.

After the death of his wife and settling his infant son, Arnilda, to live with his in-laws, Levi moved to the North Country, near Novar, in the Huntsville Region, of Northern Ontario. This desolate land had lumbering, hunting, trapping and fishing in abundance. Novar, Ontario would become Levi's new home.

September 1890, Levi purchased a lumber mill on two acres of land from Matthew Staples on the west side of Long Lake, just off Boundary Road, approximately 1½ miles from the village of Novar, Ontario. A general store still remains there furnishing the needs of the few who live in the hamlet.

The newly acquired mill was located on a corner of the original 200-acre grant to Michael and Annie Wilkinson. Two years later, Levi would marry the widow, Annie Marie Tate Wilkinson and become stepfather to her nine children.

Through my correspondence in 1990 with Olive Stroud of Huntsville, I received newspaper clippings from the Huntsville Herald News. These papers contained stories of the Olan Lumber Mills touching on stories, facts and figures by Henry 'Craig' Olan, edited by his wife, Mary Crooks Olan. Craig Olan was a grandson of Levi and Annie Marie (Wilkinson) Olin.

These articles gave great insight to the history of Ontario's

northland and its main industry, lumber. They depict the brutal hardship of living in this unpopulated area and the importance of working together as a community. The survival practices worked, as the Olan Saw Mills of the north operated for three generations.

Excerpts from these articles illustrate their work ethics and how their lives truly evolved around the forest and hard work.

In lieu of the first payment of $200, Levi agreed to saw a rail car load of shingles and 10,000 feet of hemlock lumber to pay B.R. Mooney of Gravenhurst $151.00 for the mill machinery of a span of horses, a set of double harness, wagon, sleighs and chains. Railroad boxcars were smaller in the 1890's as compared to today's larger

Widower Levi Olin, son of Benjamin Olin and Mary Jane Davis, married the widow Annie Marie Tate Wilkinson, making their home in Novar, Ontario where Levi had a sawmill. Levi and Annie Marie had a son, George Olin, born here in mid-1890s. Benjamin Olin, Levi's father sits on the steps. The Wilkinson boys were great help in keeping the mill operation successful. This is the only known photograph of the immigrant to Canada, Benjamin Olin, who married Mary Jane Davis.

Photo courtesy Jo-Anne Moriarty

standards. They would have held about 240 bundles of shingles. (In recent years, the same was valued around $4000 and rough sawn lumber was valued at $150/M).

At first, Levi's mill was a shingle and gristmill; facilities for making lumber were added later. Two years after the purchase of the mill, Levi married Annie Marie Tate Wilkinson in September 1892. She was a widow whose husband Michael died when his frozen feet had become infected and gangrene set in. Annie was 51 years old with a family of nine children: Frank, Amy, Jean or Jane, Alfred, Jack, Henry and Allan are seven known names, ranging in age from 13 to 22. Levi was 34 years old. In 1894, Levi and Annie had a son, George Olan.

Levi's newly acquired stepsons, Frank, Jack and Alf were employed at the mill as Sawyer, Edger-man and Trimmer-man respectively. Another stepson, Henry, was an Ironsmith.

Mr. Peter Shaw, who had moved to Novar from Oro Township at an earlier date to remove trees from government land grant property, apparently had more than one sawmill in the area. It was 1908 that Levi bought the Shaw Mill from Peters' son, Edwin Shaw. It was located on the Little East River, just past the spring that is still active today.

The river was dammed up to form a pond so that a water wheel could be installed to produce power. It also served as a wash basin for logs and a soaking pot for pine logs. Soaking pine for several weeks would cut the pitch. A sluiceway was built, so that logs could be driven down river and allowed an overflow for spring runoff, preventing the dam from being washed away.

The mill was stream operated and, with a flume built, a water wheel could be added later. A turbine type water wheel of metal with a vertical shaft necessitated a set of corner gears so that the power could be transmitted by means of horizontal shafts and belts. Logs were drawn into the mill on a ramp made of round hardwood poles, by means of a long chain with a set of tongs that would grip the end of the log. The more tension on the chain, the tighter the grip. Then, the chain was wound on a shaft in the mill, which was driven by friction. A few years later a jack ladder was installed.

The Olan Saw Mill cut timbers as well as lumber. The timbers

cut were custom made for barn construction. George Olan, Levi's son, took great pride in the fact they had cut enough timbers to build a barn a Locust Hill, east of Markham, Ontario, north of Toronto.

Mills of the 1890's to about 1930 operated during the early months. Maintenance and upgrading of the mill equipment took place in the spring. When all the logs were sawn up, lumber was shipped out via boxcars. This was time consuming as it was loaded first on wagons at the mill yard, then taken to the rail siding in Novar, piled in boxcars piece by piece and delivered to distant points. When the sawing of the logs was accomplished, the mill was usually switched over so that shingles could be made.

Annie Marie Olan died December 3, 1917 around 76 years. Levi then married Hannah Brush Burton from Kearney, Ontario and she outlived Levi. Levi died in 1930 and is buried in a cemetery one mile west of Novar, Ontario where his wife, Annie, and his father, Ben Olin, were buried. The cemetery was once called the Methodist Cemetery, then the Novar Cemetery and today is called the United Church Cemetery.

In the Kendal, area, documentation shows Levi's surname spelled 'Olin' as were his two children born to Emma. The first born child who died in infancy, George Olin, and his second son, Arnilda Olin, raised by the Turner's in Pontypool, maintained the spelling of 'Olin.' However, after the move to the North Country and the marriage to Annie Wilkinson, their son, George, and grandsons, Lloyd, Craig and Irwin, spell their name 'Olan.' Levi's descendants have not been able to explain the reason for a change of the spelling of their surname.

ARNILDA OLIN (8)

His maternal grandparents, Jim and Katharine Turner of Pontypool, raised Arnilda Olin, son of Levi and Emma (Turner) Olin. It was not a pleasant upbringing for Arnilda as his grandparents ran a very strict household with little affection shown but lots of hard work expected. As a grandchild, he was given no special privileges.

Arnilda, nicknamed 'Neldie' by his Olan cousins, followed the genetic draw to work with his hands and wood, and became a carpenter spending his adult life building houses in the area, mostly in the city

of Peterborough, Ontario, home of the World's largest hydraulic liftlock.

Neldie married Florence Mary Medd of Manvers. Florence died of milk fever on August 14, 1922 at the age of 31 years old, leaving behind 3 young daughters. One year later to the month, August 8, 1923, Neldie married his first cousin, Margaret McGahey of Kendal. Margaret came into the marriage to raise three stepdaughters, Eleanor fourteen years old, Sadie twelve and Isoble five. These girls reached adulthood having fond memories of their new mother. Margaret had no children of her own. She accepted the task of raising the girls and she succeeded well.

Arnilda Olin, son of Levin Olin, and his second bride, Margaret McGahey, 8 Aug. 1923.

Photos courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

Arnilda Olin's three daughters, L to R: Isoble Hillier, Eleanor Winterbottom, and Sadie Lancaster.

Margaret McGahey Olin poses with her husband, Arnilda "Neldie" Olin and her parents, Robert and Susan Olin McGahey about 1930.

Neldie died on March 25, 1944 of coronary thrombosis. He was also a diabetic. He and Florence were buried at Little Lake Cemetery in Peterborough and Margaret is buried at Welcome Cemetery in Hope Township.

Young Kay Olan, daughter of Alvin and Florence (Worr) Olan spent many Saturdays with Neldie at his home in Peterborough. Alvin and Flo were working at the farmer's market in Peterborough selling their produce and Kay would choose to spend her time with Neldie playing Chinese Checkers in a game in which Neldie considered himself the reigning champion. Kay, at 10 years old, would give him a run for his money.

Mary Etta McGahey, daughter of Robert and Susan Olin McGahey, about 1920

Photos courtesy: Jo-Anne Moriarty

ELEANOR MARGARITE OLIN (9)

Eleanor Olin was the eldest of Arnilda and Florence Olin's three children. Eleanor was born on May 27, 1909 and became a Registered

Nurse taking her training from Queen Mary's Hospital in Peterborough, Ontario. Queen Mary's Hospital worked in affiliation with the city's other two hospitals, St. Joseph's and the Nicholls. Civic Hospital evolved after the closure of the Nicholls facility. Eleanor worked at Civic Hospital twenty-five years. She married Squire Winterbottom who was a turret-lathe machinist, retiring from Peterborough's General Electric Company. Squire and Eleanor had two daughters Mildred and Ruth Winterbottom.

Left to right: Eleanor Olin Winterbottom and her two daughters, Ruth Winterbottom Armstrong and Mildred Winterbottom Nelson.

Photos courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

Mildred Winterbottom, like her mother, was a Registered Nurse. I worked with Mildred on the maternity floor at the Oshawa General

Bottom: Left to right: Sisters Lynn, Jennifer, and Joanne Nelson, daughters of Mildred Winterbottom Nelson and Earle Nelson.

Hospital in 1968-69. Mildred married Earle Nelson and had three daughters, Lynn, Jennifer and Joanne, the eldest, who was also a Registered Nurse; this made three generations of nurses.

Ruth Winterbottom married Laurence Armstrong and has a daughter Suzanne and a son, Stephen.

Suzanne and Stephen Armstrong stand proudly beside their mother, Ruth Winterbottom Armstrong, and behind their father, Lawrence Armstrong.

Ten years after Squire's death, Eleanor married Milton Swerdfeger in 1971. Eleanor resided her later years at the Peterborough Manor, a Retirement Home for seniors. My mother cooked at this Manor for several years, and each fall she would bring a bag of her home-grown potatoes for Eleanor to cook at her leisure. Eleanor was so appreciative of these potatoes for their special taste. Eleanor enjoyed her time at the Manor, painting on canvas with oils.

Eleanor was born with the unusual trait of one brown eye and one blue eye and proudly acknowledged it. She remarked that even in photos in her youth that the black and white pictures showed the dark and light differences between her eyes.

Luther Olan, son of Ben and Mary Olan, a cousin to Eleanor, always teased her about her surname. Nearly every opportunity he had to meet her, he called her Eleanor 'Chillyass' and laughed heartily as if it was the first time he had said it to her. Eleanor's daughter,

Mildred, told me she took lots of ribbing about her maiden name when she was growing up.

SADIE MAY OLIN (9)

Sadie Olin, born in 1911, was the second born of Arnilda and Florence Olin. Sadie married her childhood sweetheart, George W. Lanscaster.

In 1986, I spent a whole afternoon visiting with Sadie and George Lancaster at their home on Walnut Street in Peterborough, Ontario. She graciously brought out colouring books and crayons for my daughters and they coloured through the entire visit.

George owned Lancaster Lumber in Peterborough, Ontario, and Sadie was the secretary-bookkeeper for the business. Stan Olan, son of Ben and Mary Olan, a cousin to Sadie, delivered lumber to Lancaster Lumber and often remarked on his return how long Sadie's hair was and how neatly she wore it braided up around her head.

In 1993, George and Sadie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. George Lancaster died September 1995. Sadie died November 21, 1996. Sadie and George had three daughters, Helen Mary, Anne Margaret and Georgina Isobel Lancaster.

Helen Lancaster (10) married Colin Ray of Smith Township in 1954. In 1993, Helen and Colin purchased a thirty-eight foot hull from a firm in Luxembourg. It took from January 1992 to June 1993 and teamwork to complete their 'dream boat'. They christened her 'Cohessence'. Their future was filled with plans of coastal cruising throughout Canada and the United States and eventually reaching canals of Europe. Helen and Colin Ray had two children, Kevin and Leslie Ray.

Anne Lancaster (10) married Eric Jackson and has three sons, Christopher, Timothy and Benjamin Jackson.

Georgina Lancaster (10) married George Francis and has two sons, Thomas and Edward Francis.

ISOBLE MARY OLIN (9)

Isoble Olin, the youngest daughter of Arnilda and Florence Olin, was born May 30, 1918 and was only a preschooler when her mother

died. Her stepmother, Margaret, became her mother figure and she and Isobel grew very close to each other.

Isobel Olin married Paul Hillier and had two children, Delbert and Lorenda (Penny). Isobel worked at Kingdon Hardware across from the Purple Rooster Hotel, once known as the King's Hotel on Simcoe Street, Peterborough. Paul worked and retired form the Britton Carpet.

DELBERT HILLIER (10)

Delbert Hillier was born September 11, 1937 and married Lucille Beaulor and they have six children: Brenda Hillier (11) born June 15, 1958, married Paul Bosnell; Mark Hillier (11) born October 26, 1960, he and his wife have a son, Marc, born March 6, 1987;

Monique Hillier (11), born April 30, 1963, married Bob Black and they have four children: Nicole, born February 18th, 1985; Jessica, born September 3rd, 1986; Robert born October 19th, 1988; and, Mathew born the spring of 1990; Jeff Hillier (11), born July 21, 1964; Kirk Hillier (11), born June 5, 1967, and married Brenda Shewin; and Angelique Hillier, born May 2, 1967.

PENNY HILLIER (10)

Penny Hillier was married to Keith Chamberlain and they have four children: George born on June 27, 1963; Trudie born June 13, 1964; Maryann born January 19, 1966; and, Pauline, born September 5, 1968.

GEORGE FRANKLIN OLIN (8)

George Franklin Olan, only son of Levi Annie Olan was born 1894 near Novar. George was raised watching his father and half brothers, the Wilkinsons, work hard at the lumber mill Levi owned and George fell into the pattern with ease. George Olan married Emily Florence Nunn, and they had four children Lloyd, Henry "Craig," Irwin Edsal and Helen Faye Olin.

In 1933, George Olin sold his mill that was on the Little East River and moved to Peterborough, Ontario, where he intended to work with his older half brother, Arnilda Olin. This was the first opportunity

the Cavan Township cousins had to meet George and they dubbed him "Big George" because of his tall stature. Arnilda was a well renowned house builder in the area so there would be work for the younger brother. There was not much construction work during the winter months, so George would frequent Novar to buy logs from former suppliers who preferred to do business with George. Though George and Emily enjoyed living in Peterborough, by 1936, they had decided to move back and buy a home Huntsville, Ontario.

George continued to buy logs and had them processed at the mill he formerly owned. Times were changing. Larger trucks were being built with larger platforms to haul more and to further distances. This advancement was much quicker than the team and sleigh method. George bought his first truck in 1940 and paid his son, Craig, $15.00 per week to haul logs, lumber, wood and railroad ties.

The fall of 1936, George bought 400 acres of timberland, 200 acres of which faced the Sprucedale Road. A camp was built that was appreciated by the crew. The camp consisted of kitchen, dining room and sleeping quarters. The mill hands from Novar stayed at the camp during the week to cut logs and wood on the remaining two 100-acre lots. Team and sleigh took these logs to an open area near the road, mostly downhill run. The logs were dumped in close proximity to where the intended mill would be set up.

In 1937, machinery was purchased from the McLaughlin Mill at Kates Lake, now known as Foot Lake. Team and sleigh moved the machinery piece by piece, just before the snow had all but gone. At Novar, the goods were loaded on a truck and transported to the new site. A soon as the snow melted, four and five men cleared the lot and set up the mill. With all the machinery in place, a new steam power plant arrived on a float, trucked in from Seaforth, Ontario. The mill was made operational, though the roof was not sheeted over until some lower grade lumber was available.

Mill workers commuted daily to this mill to fill a contract with the Canadian National Railroad to produce railroad ties. Logs were trucked to the mill from the surrounding area, and even as far away as Ravencliffe, 17 km. With the equipment available in that era, that was quite a feat to haul logs from so far away since the condition of

roads was a far cry from today's standards. Any available timber was also purchased near Sprucedale and hauled across Doe Lake in the winter on a sleigh with a team of horses.

Tragedy stuck the family when a falling tree killed George's half brother, Allan Wilkinson, in 1939.

After selling the mill to Allan Ware of Huntsville, George worked hard to establish an open contract with the Canadian National Railroad supply railroad ties. By 1952, he had shipped nearly 70,000 ties, the largest supplier for many years.

Rear, left to right: Keith Olan, 'Big George' Olan holding baby Gary Cowden (son of Don and Faye Olan Cowden), Ross Olan, Douglas Olan, Don Cowden and Lloyd Olan.
Front row, left to right: Judith Emily Olan (partial view), Donna Marie Cowden, Faye Olan Cowden, Suzanne Cowden, Stephany Olan, Wendy Olan, Mary Crooks Olan and Isoble Thompson Olan, 1959.

In 1964, at the age of 70, George Olin listened to the advice of his doctor to take life easier. His second son, Craig Olan, took over the mill operations. Craig pushed himself to honor his father's commitment to the CNR before accepting any new contracts. In 1966,

Craig changed the mill into a limited company and Craig's son, Ross, became an active associate in the business.

In 1965, a debarker was set up in the yard at the end of the mill. The logs were fed into the debarker by forklift, and after the logs were stripped of bark, they were moved to the mill. The next piece of equipment installed was a chipper. A larger bin was built to hold at least two tractor loads of wood chips. The Abitibi Pulp and Paper Mill were accepting these chips in Sturgeon Falls. Since this Pulp and Paper demanded no bark in the chips, they dipped a pail into the chips to see that each load met the company's specifications before the trucker was allowed to dump the load of chips. Before long, Craig and Ross updated to a twin sawmill for cutting railroad ties. Each tie could then be sawn in ten seconds.

On December 10, 1970, the complete mill and shipper operation was destroyed by fire, caused by an electrical short on a heater. Olan Lumber was no longer in operation and the era of Olan Lumber Mills in Novar, Ontario ended.

LLOYD GEORGE OLAN (9)

Lloyd Olan was married January 16, 1916 to Isobel Louise Thompson of Burks Falls, Ontario. Lloyd and Isoble have five children: Margaret Jane (Peggy), Douglas Lloyd, Keith George, Judith Emily and Wendy Lee Olan. Lloyd is buried in Edmonton, Alberta.

Peggy Olan married Rodney Steere of North Surrey, British Columbia and has three children: Rodney, Kevin and Tracy Lee Steere.

Douglas and Dianne Olan's children are Elizabeth and Mark Douglas Olan.

Keith married Illeen Bone of Sussex, England and they have three children: Charlene Belinda, Keith Lloyd and Andrea Jane Olan.

Judy and Jerry Elliott had three children: Leslie Jay, Jill Diane and Derrick Russel Elliott.

Wendy married Larry Hroharchuck of the The Pas, Manitoba and they have two children: Daniel Blaine and Talia Dawn Hroharchuck.

HENRY CRAIG OLAN (9)

Henry 'Craig' Olan was born September 3, 1918 and married Mary

Louise Crooks. They have a family of three children: Ross Ian, JoAnne Emilie and Stephany Louise Olan.

Ross Olan married Patricia Gooley of Huntsville, Ontario and had two daughters: Sherry Lee and Cindy Dale Olan. Sherry Olan was born 1964, married Peter Warne and has two children, Adrian and Jessie. Cindy Olan was born 1967 and married Bill Sibeon Jr. in 1989.

Rear, left to right: Patricia Olan, Ross Olan, Karen George Alberti and her husband, Steven Paul Alberti, JoAnne Olan Alberti, Gino Alberti and Terry Alberti.
Front, left to right: Cindy Olan, Sherry Olan, Heather McIntosh, Dale McIntosh, Mary Crooks Olan, Craig Olan, Stephany Olan McIntosh and Charles McIntosh, 1983.

JoAnne Olan married Gino Alberti, also of Huntsville, Ontario and had two sons: Steven Paul and Terry John. Steven Alberti was born 1961 and married Karen L. George in 1983 and they have a son, Robert Alberty, born 1986. Terry Alberti was born 1964 and married Ann Neal in 1987.

Stephany married Charles McIntosh of Ernsdale and had two children: Heather Michelle and Dale Anthony.

IRWIN EDSAL OLAN (9)

Irwin Olan was born in 1923 and died at 13 months old. He is buried at the United Church Cemetery in Novar, Ontario.

HELEN FAYE OLAN (9)

Faye Olan was born June 11, 1925 and married Don Cowden and had three children: Donna Marie, Susanne and Gary Alexander Cowden.

Donna Cowden was born 1946 and married Roger Beagen and has a son Kirk Hartley Beagan.

Susanne Cowden married W.C. Morrison of Oshawa, Ontario.

The descendants of George Franklin Olan and Emily Nunn have grown since obtaining this information fifteen years ago.

Chapter 29

Alfred Olan (7) and Jennie Turner Family

ALFRED OLAN (7)

There are discrepancies in the birth year of Alfred Olan, second child of Benjamin and Mary Jane (Davis) Olin. This is not uncommon when dealing with records or the lack of the records in researching family statistics. Family Bibles or personal memory were often the record keepers of our pioneers. Alfred's birth year on his gravestone reads 1859. His parents Ben and Mary Jane Olin were married September of that very year and his brother Levi was older than Alfred. The 1861 Clarke Township, Durham County census recollects Benjamin (21) and Mary Jane Olin (20), George Dony (17) and Ferdinand Levi Gurley (21) living in the household, no children. In the 1870 census of Albion Township, Oswego County, New York State, it states Alfred as six years old, indicating he was born in 1864. Since one does not usually inscribe one's own tombstone, cemetery inscriptions can be incorrect.

A little input on census-takers: they were men who usually had an education or could at least read and write. The length of the winter season and the size of the area these men were responsible for in obtaining the statistics of the residents decided when their task would begin. They could start as early as March and be completed by July, thus missing a birth of a child that year. With census in Canada only being taken every ten years, that child's name and age would wait a decade to be recorded. Some children had been born and died within the period between record taking, and were not accounted for as residents.

Their record taking was rural, by foot or on horseback through miles upon miles of dense forests, following only narrow winding trails. There were a lot of farms and many large families to record. In the 1800's the residents often could not read or write, which is one of the reasons for misspelled names. Many women felt it was none of the census taker's business to know their age and misinformed him.

The age documented is the age the individual was or would be that calendar year. In Canada, the census was taken every ten years beginning with 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871 etc. The census was available for the public to read via microfiche one hundred years after being taken, e.g.: The 1871 census could be read in 1971. In the State of New York, the census was taken every five years such as 1840, 1845, 1850, 1855 etc.

For research purposes, I will refer to Alfred's birth year as 1864. Alfred Olan was born near Kendal, Ontario and married Mary Jane (Jennie) Turner, sister of Emma Turner, first wife of Levi. Two Olin/ Olan brothers married two Turner sisters.

Jennie Turner of Pontypool, Ontario was born May 23, 1871 and married Alfred Olan on May 30, 1886 just after her fifteenth birthday. After the birth of their first baby, Bert, in 1887, Alfred and his young family moved to the North Country, near Novar, Ontario to make a home for themselves just as his older brother Levi, and father Ben had done.

Alfred, Jennie and Bert Olan arrived in the North Country by horse and wagon in the autumn and they lived in a farmhouse outside Novar. Alfred set up a mill where the Muskoka River joins Mary Lake and operated it successfully for many years producing lumber, shingles and lath siding. Their children quickly arrived. They were raised under a strict, but caring environment. As the boys came of age, they worked at the sawmill. The girls and the younger boys remained at home working hard at household duties, gardening and farm chores. Within twenty-two years of marriage, Alfred and Jennie Olan would have fifteen children of which three died at birth. Alfred and Jennie were kind and caring people and after having raised 12 children, adopted a little girl from a disadvantaged family in the area.

The authorities were making living arrangements for these children when Alfred and Jennie made a visit taking food and supplies in a sheet for the children to eat. While there, Jennie showed interest in a little girl sitting quietly playing in the highchair. Upon leaving the home, Alfred announced to the officials that he and Jennie were going to town and to have the little girl ready when they returned and they would take her home with them to live, and they did. They adopted

Ruby Rhines as their own making their family thirteen children: Bertram, William, Emma, Ben, Lyman, Susie, Fred, Allan, George, Edgar, Ethel, Mabel and Ruby Olan.

Alfred Olan made the North Country home for six decades. His wife, Jennie, died long before Alfred on June 3, 1927 at 56 years old. Both are buried at the Lock's Cemetery, outside Huntsville, Ontario. Alfred was a keen Baptist and he took active part in educational matters, including serving as a member of the School Board in Brunnel.

After Jennie died, and Alfred cut back on the amount of hours he was putting in at the mill, he would make an occasional visit to see his cousins in Cavan Township. The family remembers him as being tall in stature, very lean, wearing a bushy moustache and missing some fingers. Alfred was quiet, very pleasant and drawn to finding humor in the youngsters running and playing in the house. Alfred did not visit often but was welcomed when he did come to stay. Alfred died June 9th, 1950. His obituary read in part, "With the death of Alfred Olan, Huntsville has lost yet another of its 'old-timers'. Mr. Olan had been ill for the past seven months. He died at the home of his daughter, Emma Cottrill".

BERTAM ALFRED OLAN (8)

Bertram 'Bert' Alfred Olan was born May 17, 1887 near Pontypool, Ontario. He was an infant when he moved to the Muskoka district in Northern Ontario. He was educated at Novar Public School. Bert married Grace Amelia Hood on October 30, 1911 in Brunel Township. Grace was from Hoodstown, which is now a ghost town on Vernon Lake, near Huntsville. She predeceased Bert in 1957 and Bert married Agnes Buck, who predeceased him in 1962.

Bert took over one of his father's farms on Mary Lake and turned it into a tourist resort, Breezy Point, which he and the family operated. It could accommodate 65 guests and was complete with cabins, dance pavilion and a water taxi, called the "Nymph." This haven employed Olan brothers and sisters to assist in its operation. The "Nymph" was used as a means of transportation for Bert's family and for carrying guests to and from their resort. Waterways were a more comfortable mode of travel than the conventional horse and wagon.

Bertram Alfred Olan, oldest child of Alfred and Jennie Turner Olan, and his bride, Grace Amelia Hood, 1911.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarity

In 1930, the resort was sold to the Fundamental Baptist Church for use as a summer camp evolving in to the Muskoka Baptist Conference Centre. In the summer, 1,500 to 2,000 people of all ages attend the religious camp for instruction and spiritual renewal. According to an article written by Mary Olan, wife of Craig Olan, Pastor Holliday gives credit to the Olan clan for helping to make the present conference Centre possible.

Bert and his family later moved to Huntsville where he was employed in the building trade. He and Grace resided at 33 Mary Street. Their children were Doris Amelia Jane, Una Christina, Raymond Bertram Alfred and Frederick Robert Austin Olan.

DORIS AMELIA JANE OLAN (9)

Doris married Joseph Albert Taplin and they had a son, Peter Evan Taplin.

UNA CHRISTINA OLAN (9)

Una married Carl Clayton Goodwin and they had 8 children: Carolyn Grace; Robert Raymond Carl; William Charles Thomas, who died at age 21 in a motor vehicle accident; Joseph Allison; Lynda Sarah Ann; Judith Una; James Guy; and Paul David George Goodwin. The Olan sisters, Doris Taplin and Una Goodwin, were both talented pianists.

RAY BERTRAM ALFRED OLAN (9)

Ray married Margaret Wood who resided in Port Alberni, British Columbia. They have two sons: James William and Donald Raymond Olan.

FREDERICK ROBERT AUSTIN OLAN (9)

Fred married Mary Rose Boulet of Lac Du Bonnet, Manitoba, and they had a daughter, Donna Marie Olan. Ray and Fred both played the fiddle.

WILLIAM HENRY OLAN (8)

William Olan was the second child of Alfred and Jennie Olan, but the first of their children born in the North Country. William Olan was born July 17, 1888. He married Mary Shank and they had one child, Myrl Olan, who died an infant. William's second wife was Lucy Gladys Baverstock, whom he married in 1919, in Parry Sound, Ontario. Lucy Baverstock Olan was born February 15, 1903 and they had two children, Lucy Irene and William Edward Olan. William H. Olan died in 1939 in Huntsville, Ontario.

LUCY IRENE OLAN (9)

Lucy Olan married Burton Scriver (Bert) and had 8 children: Marilyn Elaine, William Lloyd, Joanne Louise, Robert Olan, James Austin, Larry Burton, Richard John and Peter Edward Scriver.

On August 29th, 1953, Marilyn, thirteen years old, and Lloyd Scriver, twelve years old, were fatally burned in a house fire at the family's home on Dufferin Street, Huntsville, Ontario. Parents Lucy, Bert and their younger children were in Toronto visiting Lucy's parents when the tragedy happened. The two youngsters had been left behind to care for and check in on their paternal grandparents living next door in their parent's absence, which Marilyn and Lloyd did do just before settling in that night. Nobody knows what started the fire.

WILLIAM EDWARD OLAN (9)

William 'Bill' Olan and first wife Kathelene had 3 children:

Denise, Michael and David. Bill and second wife Marguerite Ann Landry were married July 28, 1978. Bill, now retired, enjoys making wooden crafts and hand crafting small wood projects which he does more for pleasure than income. He enjoys the feel of wood and seeing the outcome of his efforts.

William and Margarite Olan brought his mother, Lucy Olan, and his sister Lucy Scriver, to our 9th Olan family picnic at Cavan Maple Leaf Park in Cavan, Ontario on June 21, 1992. It was the summer all Ontario will remember as it was the coldest summer on record since the late 1800's. Lucy, at ninety-two years young, never complained. She sat next to a BBQ grill turned on high for warmth. It was an excellent location where she met everyone at some point since all made their way to the source of heat to warm their hands.

Some of the family Lucy met at that reunion included twelve American Olin cousins from New York: Warren and Em Olin, Judy and Don Olin, Joyce and Dick Powell, Juanita and Albert Pretory, Glenn and David Olin, and Esther and Harold Woodard.

Harold 'Speedy' Woodard happened to have a toque in his van which he put on as the day went on the keep his head warm. Many of the attendees offered to buy the toque from him but Speedy declined

Two Bill Olans married Margarites. Left is William Olan, son of Luther and Edith Olan with his wife, Margarite Wilson Olan. On the right is William E. Olan, son of William and Lucy Baverstock Olan.

Photo courtesy Jo-Anne Olan Moriarty

Two Lucy Olans add confusion to William E. Olan's life. His wife, Margarite, stands on the left. His sister, Lucy Olan Scriver, is next and last is Lucy Baverstock Olan, William's 89-year old mother. Photo taken during 1992 at Cavan OLAN Reunion.

their offers. In jest it was suggested that we move our Reunion date to February, when it would be warmer. A lucky few had warm jackets and sweaters with them.

At the 1992 Reunion, four BBQ grills were brought to cook hamburgers, hotdogs and sausages. The biggest BBQ was used to provide heat within the shelter, which was open on three sides. Thankfully, wide sheets of heavy plastic were unrolled around most of the three open sides of the shelter, leaving one area open for entry and airflow. The fourth side was the wall of a small kitchen. The makeshift shelter served as a welcome haven from the wind, which whipped under the plastic protection, swirled around our feet, and made snapping noises loud enough to drown out much conversation. Some people claimed they saw snowflakes in the air.

EMMA OLAN (8)

Emma Olan was the first-born daughter of Alfred and Jennie Olan, born February 22, 1890. Emma married Benjamin Taylor Cottrill. They issued two sons: Donald Frederick and Harvey Douglas Cottrill. Donald Cottrill (9) married Clara Graham and has one child, Philip Benjamin Cottrill. Harvey Cottrill (9) married Phyllis Keetch and they also have one child, Paul Cottrill.

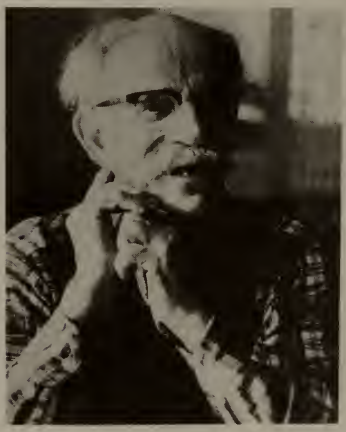
Emma described the entertainment of her childhood years. Other than Sunday School, Christmas plays or concerts and family picnics, there were no other outside-the-home entertainments. They played with checkers and dominoes at home and did look forward to an occasional family picnic. Emma's father, Alfred, would load Jennie and the children onto his small steam boat, "Swift," sometimes inviting his neighbors, for a trip up to the Huntsville Locks on a Saturday. After reaching the elevated water, they traveled to Fairy Lake. The families spent a few glorious hours in town browsing around stores, seeing the latest fashion, and talking with a few acquaintances. Alfred reminded them that departure time was 5 p.m. sharp since the Swift had no running lights for the night hours.

JAMES BENNINGTON OLAN (8)

James Bennington 'Ben' Olan was born August 5th, 1891 near Novar, Ontario and married Agnes Brand Keppy on July 31, 1913. Most of the Olan family not directly related to Ben believe that the name, 'Ben,' he answers to, stands for 'Benjamin' but it does not. The correct long form of his name is Bennington. However, the name 'Benjamin' is used after throughout our Olan ancestry and therefore this erroneous assumption has been made more than once for this Olan.

Agnes Keppy Olan died on May 21, 1975 and is buried at Little Mud Lake Cemetery in Sebright, Ontario.

In August of 1981, Ben celebrated his 90th birthday in style with friends and family at the Bestview Health Care Centre where he



James Bennington "Ben" Olan, son of Alfred and Jennie Turner Olan.

resided. Ben was born in Novar, Ontario, and later moved to Orillia where he became the owner-operator of Olan's Lumber and Planing Mill on Millard Street for 35 years. For most of his time in Orillia, Ben and wife, Agnes, lived on Atherley Road just outside the city limits. For a short time, he resided in Sebright with his daughter Ruby McNabb and later moved to the Bestview Centre until his death on September 18th, 1983.

Children of James "Ben" and Agnes Keppy Olan. Rear, left to right: Ruby Olan McNabb; Oliver Olan and his wife, Myrtle Chase Olan; Beula Olan Stoddart; Jean Elizabeth Chase, daughter of Oliver and Myrtle Olan; and Gary Olan. Front, left to right: Ben and Agnes Keppy Olan with two of their grandchildren: James and Clyde "Peter" McNabb, children of Ruby Olan McNabb, 1951.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

For the industrial and cultural history of the North Country, this article in an Orillia, Ontario newspaper dated September 19, 1959 may be of profound interest to many who cherish the past. The article reads:

"Ben Olan Believes in Revival of SteamBoats

"The day of the steam engine has not passed completely. In fact, according to Ben Olan of Atherley Road, they may

soon undergo a revival on the vacation land lakes."

"Ben at 68, is one of the few if not the only manufacturer of steam engines remaining in Ontario. In his small shop beneath his home, he has fondled, rebuilt, enlarged and made, completely himself, colourful engines that would delight the heart of even the most horse-powered-conscious speedboater.

"Out of sheer love of the work, Ben collected steam engine parts over the years and for the past two years he has been putting them back together again. To his surprise he has found them in demand and he has sold several.

"Ben promises that there will again be a steam boat on Lake Couchiching (shoring Orillia), and, to make sure of the fact, he is installing one of his prize engines in a sturdy old hull he has had stored in an old boathouse by the lake for several years.

"Ben's love for the old steam work-horses dates back to when he was 16 and working in his father's, Alfred Olan's, lumber camp on Mary Lake near Huntsville. The camp operated an old steamboat and nothing delighted his heart more than hearing the quiet hiss of the motor and feeling the slight vibration in the hull.

"He worked in lumber camps and other mills in the north before moving to Orillia in 1917 and later establishing his own mill on Millard Street about 1934. During this time he was always in close contact with steam engines. He has managed to build four steamboats himself. One, made after the Second World War, was still in operation at Beaverton in 1959, however, with a gasoline engine. The last one he built is that which he still owns and has stored. He ran it for a period with a gasoline engine but to Ben, the old magic was not there and he tore it out.

"Around 1957, Ben found he had collected enough parts to put some of the old engines together and in 1958 he sold 4 or 5 remodeled engines. Since then, he reports the demand has increased and he has not only collected more parts but is having his own manufactured. In 1959, Ben had 4 engines

in his ship, all painted and completely rebuilt. All have a vertical stroke and are true marine engines. One was started when he found a cylinder in a scrap yard. He lined the cylinder with stainless steel and installed a reverse link, made a frame, added a newly cast brass and aluminum parts and finally added a coat of paint. He found two others complete with frame and reconditioned and installed a reverse link on each. All are one-cylinder, four- and five-horsepower engines.

"Two cylinders horsepower tandem compound was Ben's pride; however his favorite was a four engine, in which the steam drives a small piston in a high-pressure cylinder, then flows through a pipe to drive a larger cylinder under lower pressure. This masterpiece he built almost entirely himself. Ben has made wooden models and he plans to complete engines himself, having the cylinders and pistons cast. The engines are priced from $125 to $275. Ben reports that boilers with fireboxes are now being made by a man in Barrie, Ontario and between the two men, they can put a steamboat in motion at comparatively little cost.

"'Steam is beginning to come back,' Ben says. 'There are a lot of private boaters who want the quietness of the steam engines.' 'Many people,' he says, 'still like the throb of the steam engine and the billows of smoke behind. Whether the public wants steam engines or not, Ben is going to continue building them. Pride shows in his eyes when he looks at the compact little work-horses painted and lined up in his shop.'"

There are two photos included with the newspaper article. One is of a proud creator, Ben Olan, beaming from ear to ear with a 'prize engine.' The other photo is titled 'Colourful Upright Engines Puzzle Peter McNabb.' Peter was a grandson of Ben's, too young to understand his grandfather's passion.

One of Ben's many claims to fame was making 10,000 cedar shingles by himself in one day. So handy with his hands, Ben made

wooden lamps to resemble boats with all the intricate moving parts. He also built a tugboat for the Cottrill Mill at The Locks, near Huntsville, Ontario.

Ben and Agnes Keppy Olan had four children: Oliver, Ruby, Gary and Beulah Olan.

OLIVER JAMES BENNINGTON OLAN (9)

Oliver James Bennington Olan, born in 1915 in Huntsville, Ontario, married Myrtle Chase in 1944, adopting her daughter, Jean Elizabeth Chase. Myrtle died in October 1987.

RUBY EMMA JANE OLAN (9)

Ruby Emma Jane Olan, born August 1917 in Orillia as were her younger siblings, married Aubrey McNabb. They had two sons: James C. and Clyde 'Peter' McNabb.

James C. McNabb (10) born March 18, 1944, married Kathalene Anderson in 1962 and had three children: Alice, James, Jr., and Lisa McNabb.

Alice Jane McNabb (11) was born June 26, 1963 and married Brad Marriott on December 3, 1985. They have a son, Kyle Marriott (12) born Feb. 1987.

James C. McNabb (Jr.) (11) was born November 4, 1965.

Lisa Katherine McNabb (11) was born December 22, 1966 and married Gregory Marshal on June 3, 1989.

Peter McNabb (10) was born May 7, 1947 and married Maria Bisytyga. They issued Chrystopher and Adam McNabb.

GARFIELD KEPPY OLAN (9)

Garfield (Gary) Keppy Olan was born November 24, 1930 and married Jean Elizabeth Chase and they had two children: Elizabeth and Paul Olan. Gary's second marriage to Jean Grace Nystra issued Brent Olan, born April 14, 1967, and Blake Olan born January 10, 1971.

BEULAH ISOBEL OLAN (9)

Beulah Isoble Olan born June 3, 1937 married Robert Stoddart on

September 27, 1958. She died August 27, 1985.

LYMAN WESLEY OLAN (8)

Lynam Wesley Olan was fifth child to Alfred and Jennie Olan. Lyman was born August 9th, 1893 near Novar, Ontario and married Bessie Viola Slatter on July 16, 1919. Lyman and Bessie celebrated their 60th Anniversary in 1979 with an outdoor dinner party amongst family and friends. Lyman and Bessie had two sons. Norman Wesley (9) married Annie Boyle and had two sons, Thomas Norman and Wayne Douglas Olan. Thomas Norman Olan (10) and his wife, Marlene have a daughter Anna Marie Olan.

Lyman and Bessie's daughter, Doreen Audrey Olan (9) married Donald Carl Rutherford on June 16, 1945 and will soon celebrate 55 years of marriage. Doreen and Donald have six children: Gayle Wendy, Larry Donald, Cathy Lynn, Paul John Wesley, Nancy-Anne Doreen and Bonnie Ellen Viola Rutherford.

Gayle Rutherford (10) and her husband have one son, Christopher Gerald Hinds who recently married Kimberly Marie Lockyear. All reside in Peterborough, Ontario.

Larry Rutherford (10) and his wife Diane Stoddart have two children. Kimberly Diane was born August 1, 1970 and Karl Douglas was born March 24, 1974. Kimberly is married to Leonard Rice.

Cathy Rutherford (10) and her husband, Lawrence Lynn Adams, have three sons: Michael, Paul and Bobby Adams.

Lyman and Bessie Slatter Olan repeat their wedding vows as part of their 60th anniversary celebration in 1979.

Nancy-Anne Rutherford (10) and her husband, Paul Ferrier, have two daughters: Megan and Tiffany.

Bonnie Rutherford and her husband, Daniel John Cody Dey, have two children: Jessie and Jacob Dey.

I met Doreen Rutherford in the early 1980's and have maintained correspondence off and on, putting together connections between the Olin's/Olan's of the Novar, Ontario area and the Olan's of Kendal, Ontario area. With Mary Jane (Davis) Olin dying in childbirth, she left behind a large and a young family. For survival of the family, the family split with the older ones moving to the north, near Novar, and becoming woodsmen, and the younger three, George, Benjamin and Dean, remaining behind near Kendal to be raised by their maternal grandmother, Electa Davis. The only daughter, Susan Olin would marry very young. They survived and made it to adulthood, separated and barely knowing their siblings.

Lyman had only heard about his Olan family in Cavan Township. He did not have the opportunity to visit them when he was young or when his children were growing up. He would hear stories about them from his elderly father, Alfred, after he made a visit to Millbrook. One of Lyman's dreams as he aged was to attend our Olan Family Reunions and meet unknown cousins. It did not happen. Lyman Olan died April 4, 1987 in his 94th year. He was referred to by his family as a "gem, a super special Dad."

Following is a narration about Lyman Olan, obtained from his daughter, Doreen Rutherford.

> "Lyman was the fifth child, fourth son born to Alfred and Jennie on August 9th, 1893. He had little education, grade 2 or 3, but was a well-educated man through self experience and, at age fourteen, was out on his own. With seven other brothers, there were many disagreements at his father's mill so Lyman sought employment elsewhere. He had many jobs in lumber mills, camps, log drives and as a labourer.
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> "Lyman Olan and his wife, Bessie, survived the Depression and had a long, happy prosperous life together,

Doreen Rutherford, daughter of Lyman and Bessie Olan, wife of Donald Rutherford, and her daughter, Gayle Hinds, display the delicious reunion cake in 1992.

Bill Olan and Doug Moriarity demonstrate how to barbecue to Gary Carr. The 1992 Olan reunion held in Cavan, Ontario, was very cold and windy. Plastic sheeting was strung up and some heat provided by barbecuers.

celebrating their 65th Anniversary in 1984. Bessie Olan died in April 1985.

"Lyman worked for a dredging company on the Muskoka Lakes and his family lived in a houseboat. When they moved, they moved by water. Doreen has many fond memories of these moves and life on the water. In 1939, they moved to Ardtrea, ON. Lyman worked at Hunter's Boat Works and for several years for Jack Carson of Washago, Ontario in building construction before he went out on his own as a carpenter. He was first class in this trade and built, remodeled and restored many homes and cottages around the Orillia area and Muskoka.

"Lyman had a special way with animals and could coax a squirrel from a tree to eat out of his hand. Jake was his pet crow and a cage held two pet skunks. The one skunk had been fixed so it gave off no scent; the other skunk had not been fixed. Lyman could pet, hold and feed both without

incident. Lyman's brother-in-law wanted the one skunk that had not been fixed and Lyman warned him to be cautious and respectful when handling the critter. The brother-in-law got the skunk into his car, but it was not long until he and the car were well-sprayed and more than once before arriving home. His wife was not impressed and made them sleep outside — the husband and the skunk."

Doreen continues to say that her father enjoyed company and always wanted someone along, an adult or a child, when going to town, berry picking or on walks. This comment is one heard over and over throughout interviews with the Olan family that all the Olan men, especially, enjoy company or some commotion around them all the time. The more the merrier.

Doreen finishes by saying that her Dad could get angry, but she never had a cross word with him or from him. Lyman was generous, loving and caring, always there for his family, and he wore the sweetest smile. Doreen says she sees his smile in her own granddaughter, Tiffany.

SUSAN OLAN (8)

Susan Olan, 6th child of Alfred and Jennie Olan, known as "Susie", was born March 13, 1895 near Novar, Ontario. In 1900, at the age of five, she and her family moved from their homestead on Lot 17, Concession 1 in Perry Township, west of Novar, Ontario to near Baysville road. This is where her father, Alfred, became involved with the Enty family and their lumber mill.

Susie had an excellent recollection of her youth and the hardships her parents and siblings endured. She spoke freely of them and could recall details well into her later years. She recalls her father, Alfred, leaning towards millwork and his big ambition was to have one that he could operate himself. He worked hard to become efficient in handling lumber. In these early years, Alfred worked at a mill near Four Mile House, south of Novar, Ontario. In 1900, the Olan family shared living quarters with the Entys.

By 1902, the Olan family had grown to 7 children. Alfred

purchased two adjacent properties fronting on the Muskoka River at the entrance to Mary Lake. The Bacon's had owned one of the properties. The existing two-story frame house was situated well above the river where there was ample room for the children to run free. There was pastureland for the workhorses and cattle to graze on. They also kept turkeys and chickens, pigs and a garden that supplied them with fresh vegetables in season. Once they were settled into the house, Alfred anxiously began to assemble a mill, which he located about halfway down the hill, but later moved the mill closer to the river's edge. He had bought the Enty mill and added to it in due time to produce lumber, shingles and lath siding.

With the large family, there were many helping hands as well as many mouths to feed. All was business! There was little time for schooling because the children were needed home as was the case in

Alfred, son of Benjamin and Mary Jane Davis Olan, and Jennie Turner, had thirteen children who survived the rigors of the Ontario North country where Alfred owned a sawmill. Standing, left to right: Lyman, James Bennington, Emma Olan Cottrill, Susan Olan Chantler, Frederick, Alan and George. Front row:, left to right: Ethel, William, Alfred, the father, holding little Mabel, Jennie Turner Olan, the mother, Bertram and Edgar. Another child, Ruby, was adopted after this photo, 1911.

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George W. Olan son of Benjamin and Mary Jane Davis Olan, and his wife, Isobela "Bella" Matice Olan pose in front of six of their many children about 1948. Rear row, left to right: James Bennington "Ben" Olan, Marjorie Olan Hawkins, Orville Stanley Olan, Louise Olan Lawrence, Matilda "Tilly" Olan Smith and George Henry Olan.

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Left to right: The couple on left is George and Bella Olan. The couple in the rear is Ben and Emma Olan Cottrill. The big felllow standing in front of his wife, Susan Olan Chantler, is Charlie Chantler and the last is Edna Olan Guthrie. The three Olan girls are nieces of George and Bella Olan.

most rural families. Susie managed to read a second grade reader. Susie's sister, Ethel Olan, born 10 years later, was privileged to receive some high school education.

There was little entertainment except for Sunday school, family picnics or Christmas concerts when family and friends would gather

Olan cousins served during World War I. Sitting is George Henry, son of George W. Olan, and standing is James Bennington, Alfred Olan's son.

Susan Olan , daughter of Alfred and Jenny Olan, and Charles Chantler on their wedding day, 2 September 1920.

to listen to the musically talented Olan sisters play the piano and the organ and the boys play the violin.

Susie Olan married Charlie Vincent Chantler of Huntsville on September 2, 1920. Charlie Chantler worked at Boyd's store in Huntsville, then got a job with the Department of Highways and later retired from that job. Susie took in boarders to help their income.

In 1923, Susie and Charlie Chantler bought a frame house on 7 Princess Street in Huntsville, Ontario. In time they would add a second story to the home. In 1931, this home on Princess Street burned and Susie and Charlie rebuilt it.

When Susie's mother died, Ruby, the youngest sister, who was twelve, came to live with the Chantler's. Susie and Charlie also raised two of Susie's sister Mabel's children after her death.

Susie and Charlie Chantler often made journeys to Millbrook and would stay at her Uncle Ben and Aunt Mary Olan's home. Susie was an active, motivated, 'in the know' type of lady right up until she died. She was ahead of her time. After Charlie died, Susie made

visits alone to Millbrook and stayed with her first cousins, Dick and Jean Olan.

In 1986, I visited with Susie Chantler and she reminisced about her grandfather, Ben Olin, the immigrant from the United States. She said Old Ben stayed with her family when Susie was a child before they moved to Mary Lake, and after this move, Old Ben lived with them only during the winter months. The grandfather took turns living with his other sons, Levi and George during the summer months. Susie's memories of her grandfather were unfavorable. She said he was not a clean man who caused her mother more work although she was already over-burdened. Susie told a story of an annoying habit the grandfather had, of opening the kitchen door in the wintertime to pee out into the snow. This act disgusted the women of the household. Susie, who was four years old, and her sister, Emma, nine, had devised a scheme to shove him out the door the next time grandfather relieved himself. They would do it when no other adults were around, just themselves and the grandfather. The girls were ready for grandfather

Left: A gathering of Olans, ca 1917, in Ontario, Canada. Sitting, left to right: George W. Olan, sons Orville and George Henry. Standing, left to right: Mary Olan Shanks, William Shanks, Isobella, wife of George W. Olan, Robert McGahey and Susan Olan McGahey.

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Alfred Olan, son of Benjamin Olan and Mary Jane Davis, takes a well-deserved rest at his sawmill. Note the missing fingers on his right hand.

and he did not disappoint them. When he opened the door to pee, Emma ran to the door and pushed the old man out into the snow and Susie shut the door and locked it behind him. The grandfather fell on the other side of the snowdrift that had formed against the house and had to trudge in the deep snow to the front door to get back into the house. Susie and Emma received no punishment for this action. The grandfather either never told their parents or the parents were too

Susan Olan Chantler embraces two of her great-grand-nieces, Justene and Jolene Moriarty, in 1986, when she was 91 years old.

Photos courtesy Jo-Anne Moriarty

amused by the story to punish the girls. The lesson Susie and Emma tried to teach the grandfather did not deter him from this bad habit.

Old Ben also chewed and spit tobacco. Ben would lie in bed at night and spit at the ceiling. Jennie Olan plastered newspaper on the ceiling and when the paper was tobacco soiled, she would change the paper until the next soiling.

Susie remembered her Uncle Dean Olin lived a time with her Uncle George and then came to live with her mother and father.

Susie and Charlie Chantler had four children: Marguerite, Ona, Elwood and Norma Chantler.

MARGUERITE MAE CHANTLER (9)

Marguerite Mae Chantler was born May 8, 1923 and married Seth Arnold Grimes on September 28, 1942. They have three children: Lynda, Leonard and Larry Grimes. Lynda Louise Grimes (10) was born September 11, 1947, Leonard Charles Grimes (10) was born June 18, 1949 and died December 24, 1968. Larry James Grimes (10) was born November 3, 1953.

ONA ISABELLA CHANTLER (9)

Ona Isabella Chantler was born December 1, 1924 and married Ronald Clark on February 11, 1943 and they have two children: Donna and Randy Clark. Donna Marie Clark (10) was born May 6, 1946 and Randy Michael Clark (10) was born May 19, 1953.

ELWOOD ALFRED LOUIS CHANTLER (9)

Elwood Alfred Louis Chantler was born May 26, 1926 and married Maida Margaret Anne Scott on September 14, 1946 and they have three daughters: Maida, Sheree and Christina Chantler. Maida Carol Ellen Chantler (10) was born December 24, 1948, Sheree Lynn Chantler (10) was born February 24, 1955 and Christina Susan Chantler (10) was born June 7, 1958.

NORMA RUTH CHANTLER (9)

Norma Ruth Chantler was born May 18, 1928 and married Ray

Douglas Bennett on September 6, 1946 and they have three sons: James, Terry and Steven Bennett.

James Henry Bennett (10) was born on February 16, 1951; Terry Douglas Bennett (10) was born August 6, 1953, and Steven Oscar Bennett (10) was born July 23, 1955.

FREDERICK OLAN (8)

Fred Olan was the seventh child of Alfred and Jennie Olan and was born August 5th, 1896. Fred was killed in France during the First World War. Susie Olan Chantler recalled an out-of-body experience the night her brother died. She recalls, "getting on a big boat and crossing the ocean. When embarking, a man came and helped her to find her brother, Fred, who was in a hospital in France. The man took her by vehicle a long way until they came to a large tent. Susie could only see occupied beds. The man led her to Fred's bed and he was as pleased to see Susie as she was to see him. Fred confided to his sister that he would never go home and laid his hand on his brow. The helpful man returned to say Fred had died and it was time for Susie to return home. Upon waking the next morning, Susie was exhausted and found it hard to get oriented. After she made tea and breakfast, she received word that her brother Fred had indeed died on that very day."

Frederick Olan in uniform during World War I. His parents were Alfred and Jennie Turner Olan.

ALLAN OLAN (8)

Allan Olan born October 25th, 1897, married Violet Reilly Skinner. Allan's second wife was Laura Teal and they adopted a son, Gordon Allan Olan.

GEORGE OLAN (8)

George Olan was born July 7th, 1900 and married Georgina Edna

MacLeod in August 1924 and they had three children: Murray, Elinor and Douglas Olan.

Murray Allan Olan (9) married Catherine Moland and they had two children: Barbara and Kenneth Olan.

Elinor Olan (9) married Samuel Bolton and they had four children: Sherrill, David, Ruth and Mark Bolton.

Douglas George Olan (9) married Patricia Joslin and had two sons: Wayne and Randal Olan. On February 20, 1969, 22-year-old Wayne Olan (10) was lost at sea. Extractions from a Halifax, Nova Scotia newspaper read, "Able Seaman Wayne J. Olan of Orillia, Ontario was washed overboard from the Canadian destroyer, Assiniboine, 250 miles south of Halifax. The seas were rough at the time and ships and planes found no trace of him. He was presumed drowned. The destroyer was bound for naval exercises off Puerto Rico. Wayne left behind a wife, Nancy."

In 1977, George Olan (8) turned 77 years old on the 7th day of the 7th month. A Toronto radio station was sponsoring a contest and George's name was drawn for his 'Seveness'. The radio station presented George with 24 cases of 7-UP pop.

George and Georgina Olan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1974 with their children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren present.

EDGAR OLAN (8)

Edgar Olan was born September 5, 1903 and was married to Jean Grummett of Huron County, Ontario. Jean was born on March 31st, 1916. Edgar and Jean were married on August 17th, 1942. They resided at 68 West Road in Huntsville, Ontario. There was no issue.

ETHEL OLAN (8)

Ethel Olan, 11th child of Alfred and Jennie Olan, was born August 9th, 1905 and married Reuben James Pears of Kentish Town, England and they had 2 sons: Leonard and William Pears.

Leonard Rueben Pears (9) married Rena Annie Ball. Their children are Lynda and Alan Pears (10).

William Earl Pears (9) married Audrey Beatrice Clark and they

have three children: Valerie, Stephen and William, Jr. Pears (10).

MABEL OLAN (8)

Mabel Olan was born May 5, 1909, the last of Alfred and Jennie's birth children. Mabel married Roy Cochram and had five children: Myrl, Doris and Doreen (twins), Shirley and Helen Cochram. Helen was killed in a car accident at the age of seven.

RUBY OLAN (8)

Ruby Olan was adopted by Alfred and Jennie Olan as a toddler and blended into the household as one of their own. Her new brothers and sisters thought the world of Ruby. Over the years, Ruby maintained contact with her biological family. Ruby is married and lives in Orillia, Ontario.

Chapter 30

Dean Stanley Olin/Olan (7) and His Sister, Susan Electa Olin/Olan (7)

DEAN STANLEY OLIN/OLAN (7)

Dean Olin/Olan was born in the Kendal area around 1877-1878. He was the youngest child of Benjamin and Mary Jane Davis. Dean's mother died in March of 1880, leaving behind Dean, a toddler, and his five siblings for Benjamin to raise. Benjamin managed to do so for a short period, then headed to the North Country to work and left his three youngest children with his mother-in-law to raise. At the time Benjamin went north, Dean's only sister was encouraged to marry and she did. His older brothers, Levi and Alfred, would follow their father north and call it home. Dean, Ben and George went to live with their widowed maternal grandmother, Electa Davis, until of age to decide their future. Sometimes Dean worked for his older brother, Alfred, at his lumber mill. There is little known of Dean except that he was quiet, tall, had a large build, and was a very hard worker. Dean died December 7th, 1927, and is apparently buried in Gardiner's Cemetery, outside Millbrook, Ontario, according to family, but there is no stone. He was never married.

An obituary in the *Orono News*, written Thursday, December 15th, 1927, on the front page of the newspaper in the Kendal Column reads:

> "Word was received here last week of the death of Dean Olin, youngest son of the late Ben Olin. Our information is that he was returning to the camp, north country (Novar, Ontario) after a day's work in the bush and being missed by his fellow workmen, they retraced their steps some distance to find him sitting down with his head bent forward, in a dying condition having been seized with a hemorrhage. They took the body home to his brother George's, south of Millbrook, since Dean was part owner of the farm. Interment

took place Sunday, 11th, inst., at Millbrook Cemetery. His father, Ben Olin, was sawyer at Soper Lumber Mills for a number of years, and Dean attended school at Kendal."

Dean often reminded others, "All paths of life lead to the grave, and the utmost that we can do is to avoid the shortcuts." He wasn't quite 50 years old when he died.

Dean Olin/Olan, youngest son of Ben and Mary Jane Davis Olan, sits in the chair while his unidentified friend stands. Both are dressed to brave cold weather.

SUSAN ELECTA OLIN/OLAN (7)

Susan Electa Olin/Olan was the only daughter of Benjamin and Mary Jane (Davis) Olin and was named from her paternal and maternal grandmothers, Susan Olin and Electa Davis. Electa is a striking name, but it has not been duplicated by any descendants. Susan Olin was born March 8th, 1867 near Kendal, Ontario. She had just turned fourteen years old by six days when her mother died in childbirth. Susan then ran the household and aided her father in raising her brothers the best she could. She followed her father and her older brothers to their workplace at Soper's Lumber Mill in Kendal, and, while looking after the younger boys, helped pack shingles. She was a s quick as the men at this job. While at the lumber mill, Susan would hoist up her skirt between her legs and tuck the skirt in snugly at the front and run the logs in the pond. Her father decided there needed to be some

changes, as Ben did not like his daughter, Susan, around so much male influence at home and at the mill. He realized that Susan's life was much too hard on her and she was not receiving any female direction. He decided she should marry and embark on her own family. Susan pined for her father and brothers, as many years would pass before she saw them again. Susan married a fine, upstanding gentleman from Kendal, Ontario, Robert McGahey, around the year 1881 or 1882. Susan was about fifteen years old and Robert was about twenty-three. Robert McGahey was born on October 2, 1859. Susan and Robert had six children: Margaret, Mary Etta, George, John, Alice and Robert McGahey.

Susan and Robert McGahey farmed in the Kendal, Ontario area near Decker Hollow, which was near the boundary between Hope and Clark Townships. Maggie and John, the eldest children, were very small when they lived there. Later, Robert McGahey and his family moved to the Soper place near Kendal by oxen and cart.

At one time in Elizabethville, Ontario during an election, Susan and Robert were in town to vote when a flash flood came up and the storm washed away the bridge in the village. With the bridge washed out, the only way to cross over to the other side was to maneuver along the sleeper of the bridge which crossed the turbulent creek.

This is exactly what Susan did, carrying her young son John, and her daughter Maggie clung desperately to Susan's skirt for safety. It was some time before the bridge was repaired.

The McGahey's bought a farm southeast of Elizabethville, Ontario before 1913 from Alec Noble and this farm remained in the family until Susan and Robert's son, John, sold it to a tobacco farmer, John Hannaka.

In later years, Susan and Robert McGahey lived on the old Todd place, east of Kendal at Shiloh in Clarke Township. This home was near the Shiloh United Church, where Susan's sibling and mother, Mary Jane Olin, were buried. This small church is on Lot 5 of the 5th Concession of Clarke Township and was founded in 1862. It still remains active today, seating a small crowd. Susan's widowed brother, Alfred, came and spent one winter with Susan and her family at this home.

Susan McGahey spun her own wool and was adept at knitting and crocheting. She was a cheerful, good-natured woman. She taught her niece, Stella Olan, to knit, crochet and make prize-winning tea biscuits. Stella Olan would often stay with her Aunt Susan and help with household chores and hear her lament her youth, when she worked at the mill and would mind her brothers after her mother died, and how Susan missed her mother, and yearned for her father and brothers when they moved to the North Country. Susan was lonesome for family for many years.

Robert McGahey died June 22nd, 1929, and Susan McGahey died January 26th, 1941. They are both buried at the Oak Hill Cemetery, near Elizabethville, Ontario along with two of their children, Alice and John.

MARGARET McGAHEY (8)

Margaret (Maggie) McGahey was the eldest child of Susan and Robert, born April 13, 1883. Maggie recalls being more like a sister to her mother than being a daughter as her mother was only fifteen years older than she was. Maggie McGahey married Arnilda 'Neldie' Olin, her first cousin, and son of Levi and Florence Olin. Levi Olin and Susan McGahey were brother and sister. Maggie's wedding dress is remembered as yellow.

Maggie took raising her stepdaughters, Eleanor, Sadie and Isoble Olin, very seriously and her best was successful. The three Olin sisters were very fond of their stepmother and always spoke well of her.

Margaret Olin died September 25, 1960 and she is buried in the Welcome Cemetery in Hope Township. Her husband, Arnilda 'Neldie' Olin, died of a coronary thrombosis on March 25, 1944 and is buried in Little Lake Cemetery in Peterborough, Ontario.

JOHN McGAHEY (8)

John McGahey was born May 4, 1885, the first son of Susan and Robert McGahey. He was a very fine looking young man who attracted young women, but he never took a wife.

Once after a wedding, the women of the McGahey household were feeling spirited and decided to "shivaree" the groom and bride's home.

The ladies burst into John's bedroom to entice him to join them in the prank. John was appalled that his female relatives entered his room unannounced while he was in bed.

John McGahey, born 1885, second son of Robert and Susan McGahey, died a bachelor in 1961.

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John McGahey remained a bachelor and farmed his whole life. He died on November 19, 1961 and is buried beside his sister, Alice and his parents at Oak Hill Cemetery near Elizabethville, Ontario.

MARY ETTA McGAHEY (8)

Mary Etta McGahey was born June 8, 1887 and married Richard Earnest White on February 26, 1913. They had three children. The first child died in infancy; the second child was Howard White, and the third was Earl White.

Mary Etta McGahey, daughter of Robert and Susan Olin McGahey, about 1920.

HOWARD LAVERN WHITE (9)

Howard Lavern White was born February 3, 1915 and married a schoolteacher, Margaret Ruth Russell, on July 24, 1954. Howard and Margaret White have farmed and raised cattle their whole married

life south of Elizabethville, Ontario. They have two daughters: Mary Alice and Wendy Louise White.

Mary Alice (10) was born May 26, 1955 and is a Librarian for the Toronto Library Board. Mary Alice White has devoted long hours as Chairperson on the Multi-Lingual Literacy Board of Toronto, leaving little spare time for herself.

Howard and Margaret Russell White. He is the son of Richard and Mary Etta McGahey White, grandson of Robert and Susan McGahey.

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Wendy White (10) was born June 2, 1958 and married Dominic Muller in June 1993. Wendy and Dom have a daughter, Veronica Muller (11). Wendy and Dom Muller work for the Hudson Bay Company in Toronto.

CHARLES EARLWOOD WHITE (9)

The third child of Mary Etta and Richard White was Charles Earlwood 'Earl' White, born on February 13, 1918. Earl and second wife, Marjorie Clark, had a daughter, Susan White. Susan died at 1½ years old. This tragic loss haunted Earl the rest of his life.

GEORGE McGAHEY (8)

George McGahey married Stella White and had one son, Lloyd McGahey (9). Lloyd married Eileen Lowe and they had two children, Gary McGahey and Sharon McGahey.

Gary McGahey (10) died June 12, 1991 of cancer at 50 years of age, leaving behind his wife, VivaJean and their children: LoriAnne,

Stephen, Laurie, Michelle, Brent and Katrina McGahey (11).

Sharon McGahey Weir (or) Ware (10) has three daughters; Debi, Kim and Jodi (11).

George McGahey, son of Robert and Susan McGahey, marriage to Stella White.

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ALICE MCGAHEY (8)

Alice McGahey was the fifth child of Susan and Robert McGahey, who was born March 8, 1890 and died young at twenty years old on May 27, 1910 of heart disease. Some family members felt she died of pneumonia, a sorrow the family never got over. Alice had not married and is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery near Elizabethville beside her brother John and her parents.

Alice McGahey, daughter of Robert and Susan McGahey, died at the tender age of 20 in 1910.

ROBERT McGAHEY (8)

Robert McGahey was born August 21, 1892 and was married to

Mary 'Mae' Todd on October 15, 1919 and had two children, Ronald and Donna McGahey.

Robert McGahey, son of Robert and Susan McGahey, Jr. married Mary 'Mae' Todd on October 15, 1919.

RONALD McGAHEY (9)

Ronald McGahey (9) died May 30, 1944, overseas during World War I. The very day Ronald died was the day his sister, Donna McGahey (9) was born.

Chapter 31

George W. Olan and Isobella Mattice Family

GEORGE WASHINGTON OLAN (7)

George Washington Olan was born May 6th, 1869 near Kendal, although his tombstone is etched with 1870. George was about thirteen when he and his brothers, Ben and Dean, went to live with his maternal grandmother, Electa Davis. Two years before this move, his mother died in childbirth leaving his father struggling to raise the family alone. His father, Ben Olin, decided to leave the little ones with their grandmother while he went to Novar to work. The older sons would eventually travel north as well to work at the logging camps. George's only sister, Susan, found a husband from the Kendal area to care for her. George went to the North Country once he was old enough to work in the mills with his father and older brothers, Levi Olin and Alfred Olan.

George Olan married Isobella "Bella" Mattice, daughter of James and Mary Catherine (McDowel) Mattice of Novar, Ontario and they

George Washington Olan and his wife, Isabella Mattice Olan, pose for the photographer, ca 1917.

Photo courtesy of Ann Cameron

had ten children: May, Ben, Henry, Orville, Catherine, Matilda, Ethel, Howard, Louise and Marjorie Olan. Isobella "Bella" Mattice was born around Novar, Ontario on April 4th, 1876. While living in the North Country, George farmed in the summer time and worked at the logging camps in the winter, hauling logs with a team of horses or oxen over the frozen roads. Horses and oxen were able to pull four times more weight on bobsleds than on wagons. George left Levi's mill for a County job, watering roads in the winter that provided a solid ice base for hauling logs to the mills and sawed lumber to the customer. Later, George worked at the Martin Siding Lumber Mill where Bella cooked the meals for the lumber jacks. Their daughters, Marjorie and Louise remember their parents working long hours at the mill. Enclosed is a favorite recipe of Bella Olan given to her granddaughter, Carol Anne (Hawkins) Manley.

Salmon Loaf

1 lb. tin salmon, chopped fine	3 eggs, well beaten
4 tablespoons butter	Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup fine bread crumbs	¾ cup milk

Method: Combine salmon and butter, beat until smooth. Mix crumbs, eggs, salt and pepper together. Add this to salmon mixture and work together. Fold the milk into these ingredients and put into buttered pan (glass dish). Bake at 350° F about 25 minutes.

A deed found in an old truck shows that in June 1921, Bella Olan bought 100 acres of land in Muskoka for $1.00, this being the same year Dean Olin, George, Bella and their two youngest children, Louise and Marjorie Olan, moved to Cavan Township to live. Bella resisted this move south away from her older children and family. Dean and George, in partnership, bought 100 acres on County Road 10 that bordered Hope and Cavan Townships. George and Bella farmed this land until 1935, then moved into Millbrook, to 4 Frederick Street near the present fairgrounds. Dean farmed with his brother for six years,

until 1927 when he returned to the North Country to work in the logging camps. Dean Olin died the same year, in December.

George and Bella Olan worked very hard on the farm with little free time, but when they had the opportunity, they played cards for enjoyment. Friends and neighbours around them were Tom and Clifford Allen, Harold Noble, two Gardiner families, and Agnes and Martin Dew. George Olan owned a Ford car and the family drove in it to come to town in the summer months and used a team of horses, cutter or sleigh in the winter months. George's nephew, George Olan (Big George), son of Levi and Annie Olin, and his family would come to the farm near Millbrook to visit on occasion. Louise and Marjorie remember his visits and how large he was compared to their father.

George Washington Olan died January 1951 and Bella Olan died February 1954 while she was visiting an Aunt Mary Ellen. Bella became sick and died in the hospital in Orillia, Ontario. She and George are both buried in Gardiner's Cemetery outside Millbrook, Ontario.

MARY SUSAN OLAN (8)

Mary "May" Susan Olan, the first child of George and Isobella Olan, was born August 10th, 1893 near Novar, Ontario and married William "Bill" Shanks. May and Bill Shanks had five children: Stanley, Violet, Mildred, Fred and Isobel Shanks.

STANLEY SHANKS (9)

Stanley Shanks married a British woman, Jessie Shortland, in England and shortly after the war they moved to Canada and settled in Millbrook. Jessie Shanks soon realized she did not like living there and longed to return to her birthplace. Shortly after the birth of their second child, they moved back to England to live. Their daughter, Anne, born in Toronto, was three, and her sister, Mary, born in Peterborough, was one and a half when they left Canada for good. Stanley Shanks was in England one year when he died and is buried there. All that is known of the Shanks girls today is that Mary is living in Wales.

JAMES BENJAMIN OLAN (8)

James Benjamin "Ben" Olan was born July 17th, 1895 in Novar, Ontario and married Edna Lyle Hodgson on April 15th, 1920.

James became known as Ben within his family and at work. It is believed that Ben only had a grade three education and had to work hard on the family farm that was located northwest of Novar.

During the First World War, Ben was a "sapper" constructing trenches or fortifications. He was discharged in March 1919 and a

James Benjamin Olan in full dress uniform during WWI. Notice the Maple Leaf on his hat.

James B. Olan's sawmill near Novar burned, ca 1954, after 20 years of his ownership.

James Benjamin Olan and Edna Lyle Hodgson Olan, ca 1970.

Photos courtesy of Ann Cameron.

year later he married Edna Lyle Hodgson at the Presbyterian Church in Burk's Falls on April 15, 1920. Edna Olan was the daughter of William James and Catherine "Kate" (Henderson) Hodgson.

During their early years of marriage, Ben worked as a labourer at odd jobs. In 1925, Ben and Edna became the Postmasters of the Novar Post Office and remained at that job over fifty years. The Postmaster

60th Wedding Anniversary of James Benjamin Olan and Edna Lyle Hodgson, April 1980 in Novar.

Photo courtesy of Ann Cameron.

General of Canada presented Ben and Edna Olan with a commemorative certificate in 1966 for 41 years of service.

When the Second World War broke out, Ben enlisted again in the Canadian Armed Forces and became a Corporal. He was discharged in 1945 due to health reasons. In the latter half of the 1940's, Ben purchased a sawmill located on the old highway northeast of Novar, Ontario, next to the Big East River and continued to run the mill until it burned down around 1963. Ben was nearing the age of seventy and

not yet ready to retire. He went to work for his cousin, George Olan, at his saw mill south of Novar. George, also known by the family as "Big George," was the son of Levi and Annie Olin. This sawmill also burned to the ground in December 1970.

Ben was an active member and an elder in the Saint Andrew's United Church in Novar. He enjoyed his time with the "Over 50 Club" and an "'Old Timer's Club" while Edna involved herself with the Girl Guides of Canada. By October 1952, she was serving as the District Commissioner for Novar. Edna also was a member of the Saint John's Ambulance Service. Ben and Edna Olan's home in Novar still remains standing.

Ben and Edna had one daughter, Norma Catherine Olan, born August 7th, 1928 in Novar. Shortly after celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary, Edna died August 27th 1980. Ben died of cancer on August 7th, 1982. Both are buried in Saint Andrew's Cemetery in Novar.

Norma Catherine Olan, ca 1933, helped her father, James B. Olan, on their farm in Novar, Ontario, Canada.

Norma Olan tends to her father's work horses, ca 1935.

Photos courtesy of Ann Cameron.

Norma Olan Cameron sitting in her baby rocker, ca 1935. The rocker is in great condition and cherished by the James D. and Ann Cameron family.

Norma Olan Cameron, age 21, 1949, shortly before her marriage to Donald A. Cameron.

Photos courtesy of Ann Cameron.

NORMA CATHERINE OLAN (9)

Norma Olan (9) completed her public and high school education in Novar and Huntsville, Ontario. In 1939, she attended the Ontario Conservatory of Music for Piano, receiving her grade two, which was quite an accomplishment for a small-town girl.

After high school, Norma enrolled at the Orillia Commercial College, where she studied business-related courses to become a keypunch operator. She worked in Toronto, where she met Donald Allan Cameron at a street dance. They were married on April 14th, 1951 at the Saint Andrew's United Church in Novar. Donald Cameron was born June 14th, 1926 in Saint John, New Brunswick, the eldest son of James Donald and Edith (Nixon) Cameron.

Donald Cameron was an aircraft telecommunications officer in the Canadian Air Forces, and over the years was stationed at various Canadian Forces bases in Ontario and Quebec settling in Bayside, near Toronto in December 1970. While stationed at CFB (Canadian Forces Base) Uplands, Ottawa, Norma worked for Revenue Canada and the Unemployment Insurance Commission in Belleville.

Norma was always an active member of her church, wherever she and Donald lived. She was the President of the Women's Guild at Canadian Forces Bases Uplands and Downsview, Ontario and was very involved with the Boy Scouts. She was "Akela" for the Uplands Cub pack for five years.

In 1976, at age forty-eight, Norma was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. For her fiftieth birthday, her family commissioned a painter to design a mural for their dining room wall in Trenton, Ontario. The painter completed the work while Norma watched from her wheel chair. The mural remained on the wall until the spring of 1998, twenty years after her death.

Norma died of pneumonia, a complication of MS on September 11, 1978 and is buried at Saint Andrew's Cemetery in Novar, Ontario. When Norma was born, her parents planted a flowering tree in their garden to commemorate her birth. The tree flourished for years, but ironically, died within months of Norma's death.

David Allan, James Donald and Douglas Joseph Cameron, the sons of Norma C. Olan and Donald A. Cameron, 1990.

Photo courtesy of Ann Cameron.

Donald Cameron retired from the Air Force and lived in Bangor, Maine, USA, after his wife's death, but now lives in Belleville, Ontario. Norma and Donald Cameron had three sons: David, Donald and Douglas.

James D. and Ann M. (Cresswell) Cameron with their daughter, Andrea, about 1996.

Photo courtesy of Ann Cameron.

DAVID ALLAN CAMERON (10)

David Allan Cameron was born April 6th, 1953 in Montreal, Quebec and completed his education in Toronto and Ottawa. In 1972, David followed his father's footsteps and joined the Canadian Air Force as a diesel mechanic. While enlisted, David met and married Sharon Mary Wilson, a photo technician in the Armed Forces. They were married April 22nd, 1978 at the Faith Temple in Orillia. Sharon Cameron was born April 23rd, 1949, the daughter of Arthur A. and Vera L. (Sloan) Wilson. Sharon left the Forces after they were married and David retired from the Air Force in 1995 and is presently working in Building Maintenance in Victoria, British Columbia.

JAMES DONALD CAMERON (10)

James "Donald" Cameron was born in March 11th, 1958 in Toronto, Ontario and attended public schools in Downsview, Ottawa and Bayside. He graduated high school at Bayside, Ontario, leaning toward subjects such as woodworking, auto repair and welding, for which he received awards. Donald worked for K-Mart as a supervisor of the

Automotive Department, then in 1980 worked for Trent Valley Paperboard Industries as a Quality Assurance Technician until 1992, when the plant changed ownership. Donald became a self-employed contractor and, in 1995, was hired as a Building Custodian for two senior citizen apartment complexes owned by Hastings and Prince Edward Housing Authority. While working full-time, Donald graduated from Loyalist College with honours in 1993 in Cabinet Making and in 1997 graduated on the Dean's List from a two-year night course as a Building Maintenance Mechanic.

Donald enjoys working with his hands and has completely renovated his home on Whites Road, Bayside, Ontario, since purchasing the house from his father in 1983.

In 1985, Donald Cameron met Ann Maureen Cresswell through a computer dating service, quite a popular thing in the 1980s, and was married on June 2, 1990 at North Trenton United Church in Trenton. Ann was born on April 12, 1953 in Carshalton, Surrey, England and is the daughter of John and Doreen (Sanford) Cresswell of Belleville, Ontario. In 1957, Ann's family immigrated to Canada where her father found work in the masonry trade. Ann graduated high school in 1972 and worked for several years before returning to school. In 1977, she graduated from the Ontario Business College and worked for the Hastings and Prince Edward Housing Authority in various positions. She retired and is a stay-home Mom to their daughter. Andrea Catherine Lacey Cameron was born September 1st, 1989 in Belleville, Ontario. Ann enjoys crafts and has become hooked on researching her's and Don's histories.

DOUGLAS JOSEPH CAMERON (10)

Douglas Joseph Cameron was born January 13, 1960 in North York, Ontario and attended various schools graduating from Bayside, Ontario. In 1980, Douglas ventured to the west and has remained there. Douglas Cameron married Kathleen "Kathy" Frances Knott on November 2nd, 1985 and has two sons: Tyler Douglas Clifford, born July 16th, 1989 in Abbotsford, British Columbia, and Aric Nolan, born August 14th, 1992 in Mission, British Columbia. Kathy was born on October 31st, 1963 in Victoria, British Columbia, the daughter of

Clifford and Patricia (Tennant) Knott. Kathy runs a children's day care out of her home and Douglas is a freelance landscaper. Douglas Cameron also has a daughter, Courtney Xavier-Cameron, born July 31, 1981.

GEORGE HENRY OLAN (8)

George "Henry" Olan was born June 1st, 1897 in Novar, Ontario and was married to Maizie "May" R. Lamkey. May Olan, born in 1903, died 1984 and was interred in Huntsville, Ontario. Henry and May Olan had a son, Ronald.

Ronald Olan (9) worked in a bank, then joined the Army from which he retired. At one point, he was posted at Petawawa, Ontario. Ronald Olan and his wife, Muriel have two children: Bill, who lives in British Columbia, and Nona-May Olan. Ronald Olan died on August 6, 1944.

ORVILLE STANLEY OLAN (8)

Orville Olan was born December 1, 1898 in Novar, Ontario. He had always spelt his name Orval, however, his birth certificate shows "Orville." On April 30th, 1932, Orville married Georgina Henrietta Chaffey. Georgina and a twin brother were born June 19th, 1903. Orville spent his life working in the bush, driving truck to haul logs. They had three daughters: Venetta Kasiah, Ruby Isabella and Sylvia Jean Olan. Georgina Olan died June 1942 and Orville married Islay M. (Holcraft) Joiner in July 1949.

VENETTA KASIAH OLAN (9)

Venetta Olan married Everett James Wilson on August 4th, 1950. Everett was born on March 21st, 1930, and drove a transport truck most of his life. After retirement, he drove school bus in Huntsville. Venetta worked for Eatons in Toronto. They had a son, Ronald James Wilson. Venetta died in July of 1992 and Everett died in November of 1992.

Ronald Wilson (10) was born December 25th, 1950 and married Eva Monika Doepke on July 22nd, 1972. Eva was born April 16th,

1949. Ronald owns Arctic Construction in Huntsville, a business that builds houses and cottages. Eva works for a local paper as a copy editor. Ronald and Eva have two children: Casey James was born October 9th, 1974 and he works with his father in the construction business. Jodie Ursula, born April 4th, 1978, is currently attending Waterloo in Waterloo, Ontario.

RUBY ISABELLA OLAN (9)

Ruby Olan was born October 15th, 1933. She married Bruce John Luck on October 30th, 1951. Bruce was born on February 27th, 1933 and is in the flooring business. Ruby and Bruce have five children: Georgina, Gwendolyn, Debra, Lois and Jacqueline Luck.

Georgina Marie Luck (10) was born May 11th, 1952 and married Barry Leroux in February 1971. Barry was born on February 2nd, 1944 and is now retired from managing an apartment building. Georgina and Barry have one child, Judith Grace, born Marcy 31st, 1972, who is married with three children. Georgina Leroux died March 23rd, 1987.

Gwendolyn Doris "Gwen" Luck (10) was born September 11th, 1953 and is a Registered Practical Nurse. Gwen married Ian "Blain" Cuttress on July 28th, 1973. Blain Cuttress was born July 13th, 1951 and is a labourer. Gwen and Blain have one child, Richard John Cuttress (11) born September 27th, 1978 and he is presently enrolled at Georgian College in the Apprenticeship Cooking Program. Debra Ann Luck (10) was born April 27th, 1956 and is an Inventory Manager at Scholastics. Debra married William Thomas Richard Price on October 28th, 1972. William Price was born on October 13th, 1954 and is a Snap-On Tool dealer. Debra and William Price have two children, Bruce and Angela.

Bruce William Price (11) was born on December 7th, 1972. He is presently studying Labour Law at the University of Toronto. Bruce married Jeanine Elizabeth Richardson on May 27th, 1995. Jeanine is employed at Scholastics.

Angela Yvonne Price (11) was born July 30th, 1980 and attends Humber College studying radio broadcasting.

LOIS ELLEN LUCK (10)

Lois Luck was born August 22nd, 1958 and works as a cashier. She married Michael Robert Leroux on September 28th, 1976. Michael was born April 8th, 1953 and is an electrician. Lois and Michael Leroux have two children: Kevin John and Kimberley Jean.

Kevin Leroux (11) was born October 22nd, 1979 and attends Georgian College taking Business Administration.

Kimberley Leroux (11) was born November 25th, 1981 and attends Huntsville High School.

Jacqueline Yvonne "Jackie" Luck was born February 8th, 1966 and is a Registered Practical Nurse. She married William Stephen Keates on May 30th, 1987. William was born March 7th, 1966 and is an Energy Management Coordinator. Jackie and William have two sons: William Edward, born March 5th, 1991, who is in French Immersion at Beverly Acres and Christopher James, who was born January 31st, 1995.

SYLVIA JEAN OLAN (9)

Sylvia Olan was born June 15th, 1936. She married Albert Ernest Peterkin on June 25th, 1955. Albert Peterkin was born February 8th, 1935 and has retired from the Ontario Provincial Police after attaining the rank of Staff Sargeant. Albert joined the OPP April 16th, 1959, serving in the communities of Bracebridge, Simcoe, Minaki and Beaverton. Sylvia Jean and Albert now live on a portion of the family's homestead in Novar, Ontario. Sylvia has worked as a salesclerk and housewife. Sylvia and Albert had two daughters: Kathy and Cynthia Peterkin.

Kathy Anne Peterkin (10) was born April 26th, 1956 and has worked for A & P Food Stores since the age of sixteen and is currently the Front End Manager in the Huntsville Store. Kathy married David Michael Fitzmaurice on November 24th, 1973. David was born December 6th, 1955 and he has worked in construction his whole life, building houses and cottages. He and his older brother own Fitzmaurice Brothers Construction. Kathy and David Fitzmaurice have two children: Adam and Erin. Adam David Fitzmaurice (11) was born May 8th, 1974 and married Sherri Ann Robertson on

September 27th, 1997. Sherri was born January 9th, 1973 and is a Correctional Officer with Corrections Canada employed at Beaver Creek Federal Institution. Upon entering this data, the writer recognized the name of Sherri Fitzmaurice as a colleague-acquaintance of her eldest daughter, the women having met through work as Correctional Officers. It truly is a small world. Adam works with his father in the construction business.

Erin Marie Fitzmaurice was born July 30th, 1982 and attends Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School.

Cynthia Jean Peterkin (10) was born March 19th, 1961 and is a legal secretary. Cynthia married Steven Robert Buckle on August 28th, 1982. Steven was born June 14th, 1960 and is a Parts Manager in a Simcoe Garage. Cynthia and Steven have one daughter, Samantha Jean Buckle (11) born October 17th, 1992.

CATHERINE OLAN (8)

A remembrance card was found for Catherine in the winter of 1999 amongst some personal articles belonging to Marjorie Olan Hawkins upon the sale of her house. The small, black card reads:

> Catherine Olan
> November 21st, 1900
> 13 days old
> daughter of George and Bella Olan

MATILDA JANE OLAN (8)

Matilda "Tilly" Olan was born November 24, 1902 in Novar, Ontario and married Norman A. H. Smith on June 24, 1924. Tilly and Norman Smith had one son, Norman George, who was an auto mechanic. Norman and his wife, Marion, lived in Harwood, Ontario and they had no issue. Tilly Smith died December 2, 1974.

ETHEL MAUDE OLAN (8) AND HOWARD ELMER OLAN (8)

Ethel Olan was born June 28th, 1904 and died very young. Her

brother, Howard Elmer Olan, born November 13, 1907, died at five years old. Ethel and Howard are buried next to each other in plots #36 and #35 at the United Church Cemetery in Novar, Ontario. Their paternal grandfather, Benjamin F. Olin, the immigrant from Oswego County, New York State, is buried in plot #37 next to his grandchildren. The plots of the children were found in the Cemetery record book, as there are no grave side markers. Ben Olin has a headstone.

LOUISE MAUDE OLAN (8)

Louise "Louie" Olan was born December 19, 1911 in Novar, Ontario. Louie moved to Cavan Township in 1921 at the age of nine with her parents, Uncle Dean and younger sister, Marjorie. They lived just north of the boundary line between Cavan and Hope Townships leaving Louie Olan to attend Carmel School, a one-room school on the 2nd line of Cavan Township. Her neighbour and to-be husband, George Dew, lived just south of the boundary line, attending

George W. and Isobella Mattice Olan's two youngest daughters, Marjorie E. Olan and Louise M. Olan Dew Lawrence, stand respectfully behind their great-grandparents, Benjamin and Susan Partlow Olin's markers in Pineville Cemetery in Oswego County, New York, 1991.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

Pine Grove Public School.

Louie Olan married her neighbour George Oliver Dew on February 17, 1930. George Dew was born August 28, 1909 and died June 26, 1963 and is buried at Gardiner's Cemetery, near Millbrook, Ontario. George Dew worked for a farmer for many years and then worked for Quaker Oats in Peterborough, Ontario.

On March 6th, 1971, Louie Dew married Roy Thomas Lawrence. When widowed, Louie lived in with families, cleaning and caring for them for her main stay. Louie does not recall knowing any of her siblings who lived in the North Country. She did not return to see or visit them once her family moved to Cavan Township in 1921. However, she and her younger sister, Marjorie, were close. She recalls knowing very little of any cousins from the North Country.

Louie and George Dew had one son, George Martin Albert "Ab" Dew (9) born January 19, 1932. Ab Dew worked thirty-six years at the Correctional Facility in Millbrook. He married Margaret "Marg" Lillian McKay on June 12, 1954. Margaret was born February 20, 1936 and died October 1, 1997 of lupus. Ab has been an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion for many years. His wife, Marg, was a Life Associate Member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 402 in Millbrook, also serving as President for the Ladies Auxiliary and as Sports Officer. Marg wrote for the Peterborough Examiner and was a member of the 4th Line Theatre Group. Ab and Marg Dew had three children: Donald, Roderick and Donna-Marie "Dusty."

Donald George Dew (10) was born September 11, 1956 and married Arlene Bull. They have two children: Jennifer Patricia, born May 17, 1983, and Joel Douglas born in 1985.

Roderick Albert Dew (10) was born July 27, 1958 and works at Brookside in Cobourg, a home for young offenders.

Donna-Marie "Dusty" Dew was born February 10, 1960, and married James Albert Martin and they have two children: Alexandrina "Alexie" Louise born June 9th, 1985 and Thomas George Martin born May 21, 1988. Dusty and her children live in Calgary, Alberta. Alexie and Thomas have performed in children's roles in the 4th Line Theatre production on more than one occasion.

MARJORIE ELLEN PEARL OLAN (8)

Marjorie Olan was born April 29, 1915 in Novar, Ontario and moved to Cavan Township at the age of six years. She remembered nothing of her few short years in the North Country and did not know any of her older brothers or sisters, except Louise. George and Bella Olan did not return to the North Country with Marjorie. It was told to Marjorie that, as a preschooler in Novar, she had long, blonde, curly hair, the pride of the family. She came down with the flu and went bald and, when her hair grew back in, it came in dark and straight. Marjorie attended Carmel School on the 2nd Line of Cavan with her sister and her Olan cousins, children of Ben and Mary who lived on the 3rd line.

Marjorie Olan married Harold Hawkins, who died young of bleeding ulcers on April 28th, 1948, leaving behind a young wife and four small children. By this time, Marjorie's parents were living in Millbrook. After George Olan died, his wife, Bella, required assistance and Marjorie and her children moved in with her mother to help. When Bella, died, Marjorie bought the house from the estate and raised her family in it. This same home on Frederick Street remained in the family since 1935 and in October 1999 was put on the market to sell.

Marjorie and Harold Hawkins had four children: Alice Isobella, George Alfred, Carol Ann and Melburn Harold. Marjorie Hawkins died in her home on January 8th, 1995 and is buried in Gardiner's Cemetery near Millbrook, Ontario.

ALICE ISOBELLA HAWKINS (9)

Alice Isobella Hawkins was born February 15th, 1937 and died August 25, 1992 of cancer. Alice married William "Bill" Woodward and had one son, Philip, born in 1963. Bill Woodward also had three children from a previous marriage: Sharron, Allen and Nancy. Sharron Woodward is married to Mr. Finlayson. Nancy Woodward is married to Mr. Melaragno.

GEORGE ALFRED HAWKINS (9)

George Hawkins was married twice, to Joan Bryons, and to Ethel Shawego. George and Joan have three children: Debbie Ellen, Doris

Joan, and William John Gregory "Greg" Hawkins.

Debbie Hawkins (10) was born October 21, 1960.

Doris Hawkins (10) was born January 20th, 1962, and was married to Steven Donnelly on June 1981. They have two daughters: Amy Lee, born January 18th, 1984, and Nikki Leanne Donnelly, born December 16, 1987.

William J. Hawkins (10) was born December 31, 1967 and married Nancy West on June 19th, 1987.

George and Ethel Hawkins were married May 8th, 1976. Ethel (Shawego) Hawkins has five children: Michael, Genie, Carl, Terry and Joel Shawego.

CAROL ANN HAWKINS (9)

Carol Ann Hawkins was born November 24th, 1939 and married Maxwell "Max" Manley, son of Charles and Lillian Sanderson Manley. They have two sons: William Charles and Douglas Harold Manley. Max is an engineer, now retired from the Millbrook Correctional Facility, but on occasion is called back for contract work. Max and Carol Manley farm outside of Millbrook on the 7th Line of Cavan Township, Larmer Line, and are recently retired caretakers of the Gardiner's Cemetery on County Road 10 outside of Millbrook where her parents and maternal grandparents are buried. Carol was secretary for the Cemetery Board for fifteen years, while Max has been involved for over 40 years from maintenance to digging graves.

William "Bill" Charles Manley (10) was born October 7th, 1961 and married Linda Michelle "Shelley" (Kinsmen) Welk on September 14, 1991. Shelly (Welk) Manley has two children: Melissa Welk born on May 24th, 1984 and Andrew Welk born on November 14th, 1986. Bill and Shelley Manley have two daughters: Dayna Michelle born June 1st, 1992 and Katherine "Katie" Melinda Manley born January 10th, 1994. Bill is a boilermaker and welder and is employed at General Motors in Oshawa, Ontario. Shelley owns and operates a business of Ladies and Children's wear called "Bear Essentials" in Millbrook, Ontario.

Douglas Harold Manley (10) was born on June 25th, 1963 and is a carpenter and truck driver.

MELBURN HAROLD HAWKINS (9)

Melburn Harold Hawkins was born April 16th, 1943 and married Barbara (Harkness) Trick, both of Millbrook, and had no issue.

CHART 27 BENJAMIN OLIN/OLAN AND MARY JANE DAVIS FAMILY

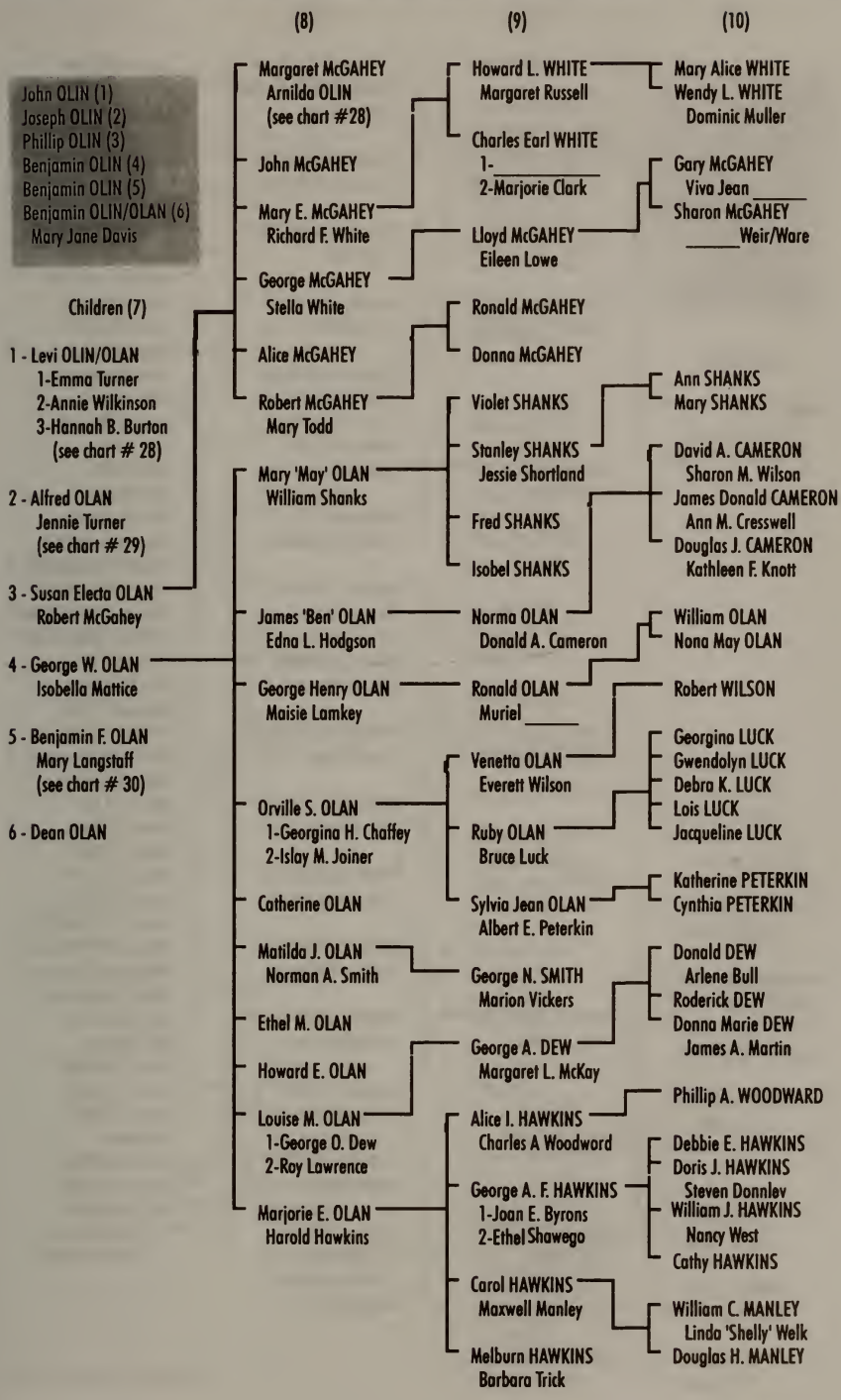
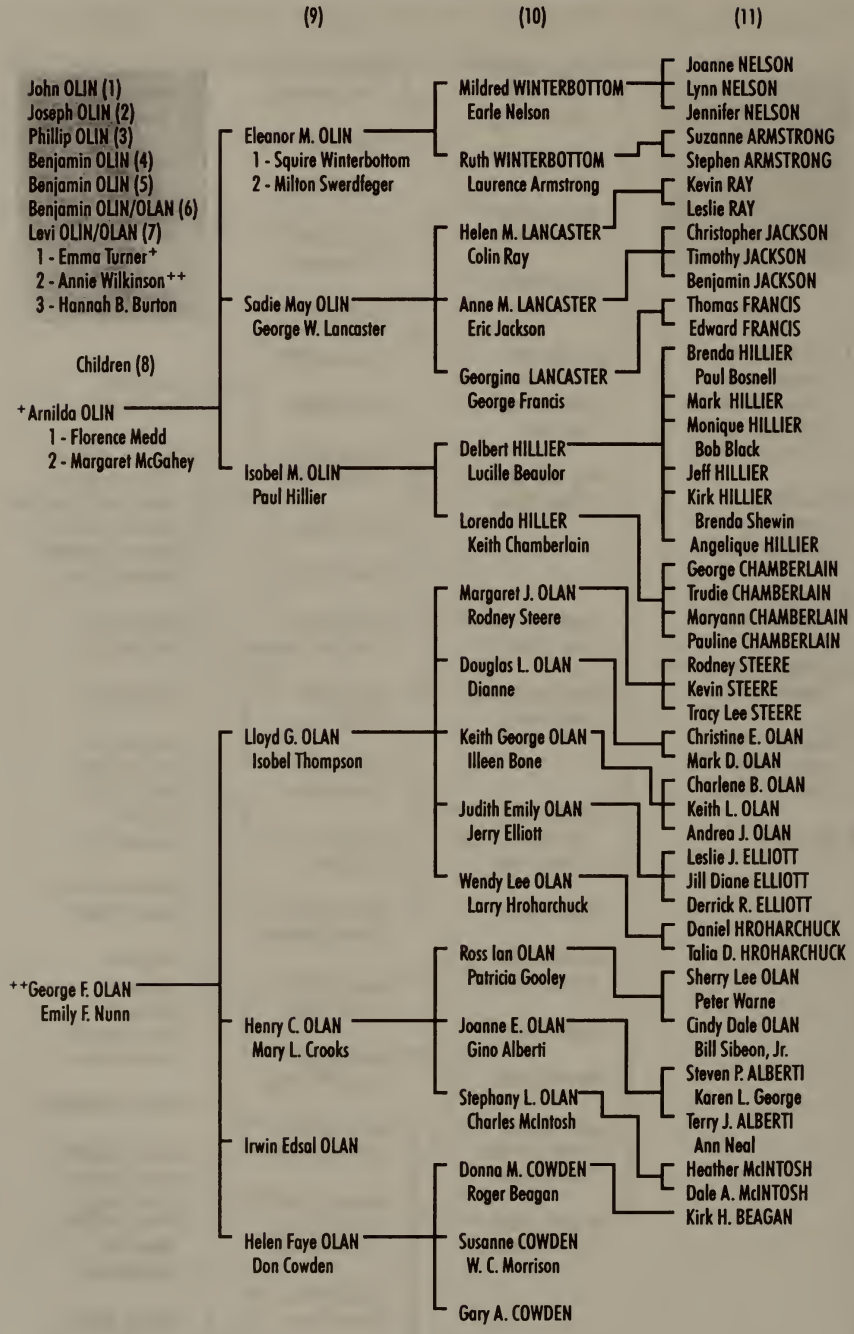


CHART 28 LEVI OLIN/OLAN (7) AND EMMA TURNER FAMILY



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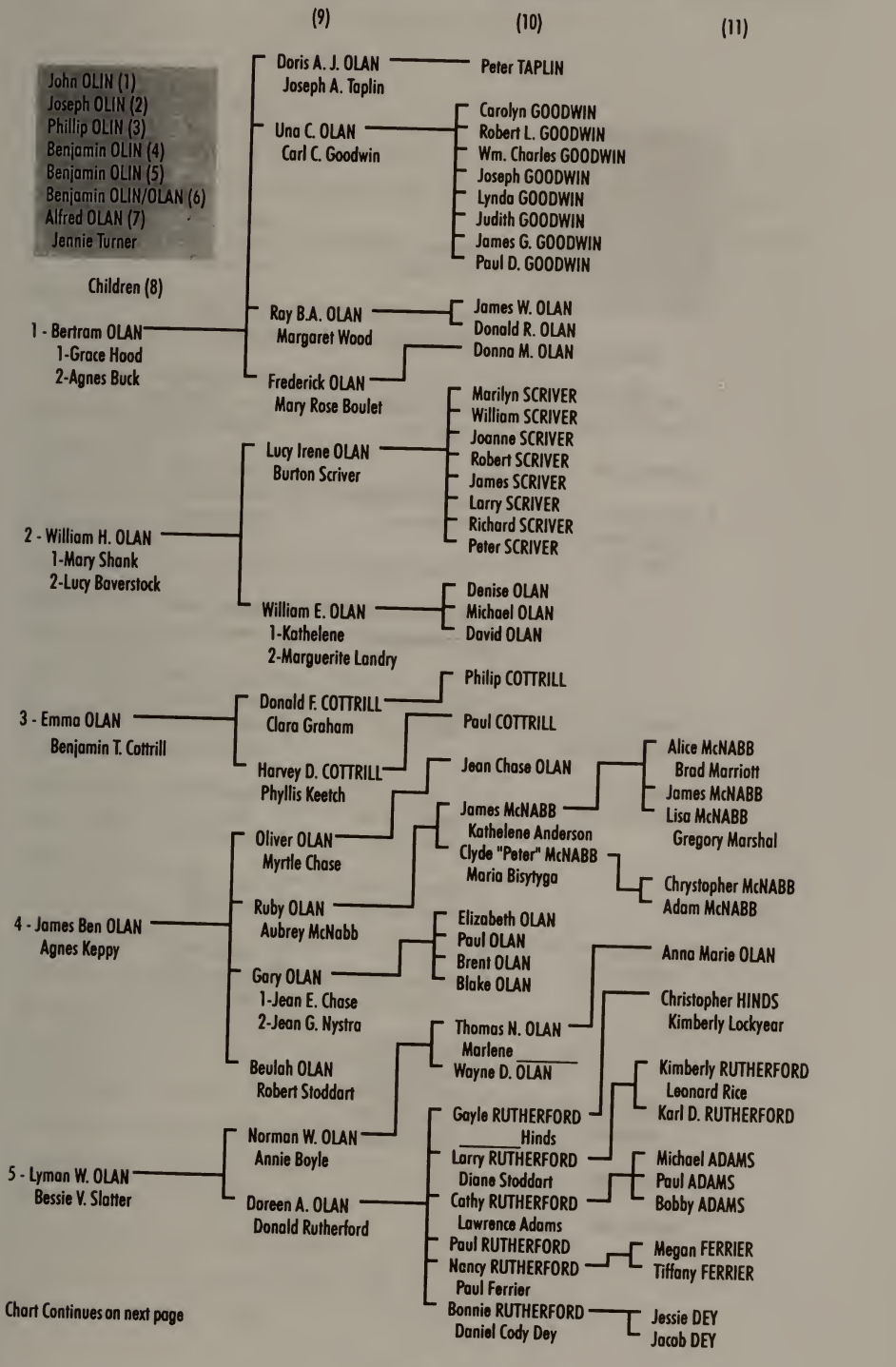
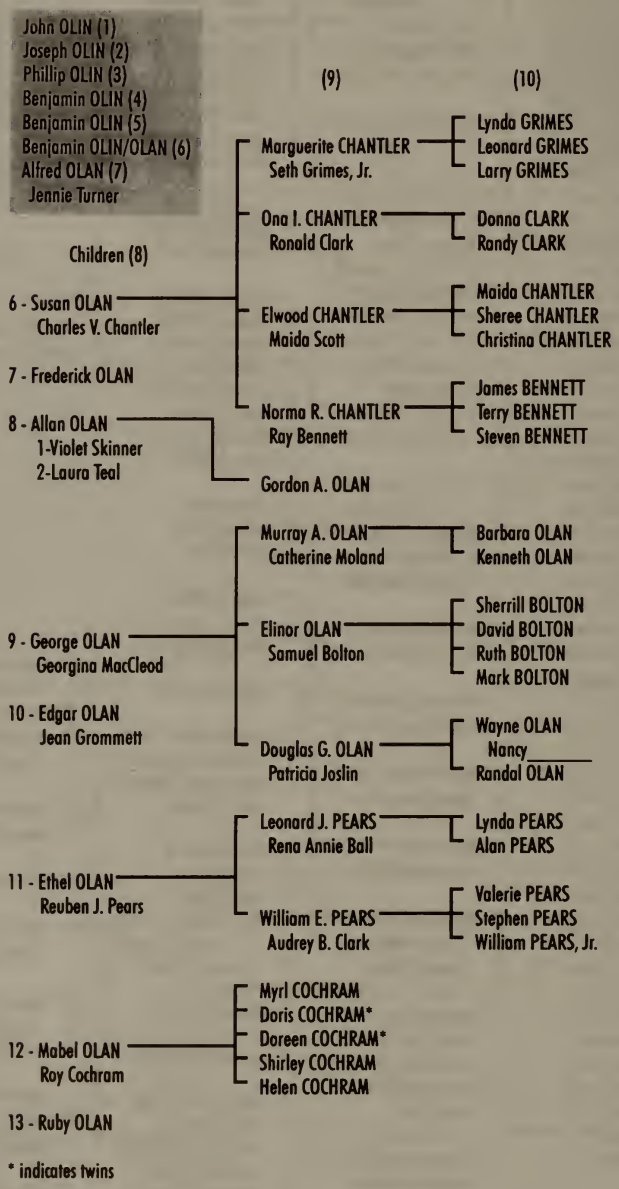
ALFRED OLAN (7) AND JENNY TURNER FAMILY

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Jennie Turner
Children (8)
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6 - Susan OLAN
Charles V. Chantler
Marguerite CHANTLER
Seth Grimes, Jr.
Lynda GRIMES
Leonard GRIMES
Larry GRIMES
Ona I. CHANTLER
Ronald Clark
Donna CLARK
Randy CLARK
Elwood CHANTLER
Maida Scott
Maida CHANTLER
Sheree CHANTLER
Christina CHANTLER
Norma R. CHANTLER
Ray Bennett
James BENNETT
Terry BENNETT
Steven BENNETT
7 - Frederick OLAN
8 - Allan OLAN
1-Violet Skinner
2-Laura Teal
Gordon A. OLAN
9 - George OLAN
Georgina MacCleod
Murray A. OLAN
Catherine Moland
Barbara OLAN
Kenneth OLAN
Elinor OLAN
Samuel Bolton
Sherrill BOLTON
David BOLTON
Ruth BOLTON
Mark BOLTON
10 - Edgar OLAN
Jean Grommett
Douglas G. OLAN
Patricia Joslin
Wayne OLAN
Nancy_____
Randal OLAN
11 - Ethel OLAN
Reuben J. Pears
Leonard J. PEARS
Rena Annie Ball
Lynda PEARS
Alan PEARS
William E. PEARS
Audrey B. Clark
Valerie PEARS
Stephen PEARS
William PEARS, Jr.
12 - Mabel OLAN
Roy Cochram
Myrl COCHRAM
Doris COCHRAM*
Doreen COCHRAM*
Shirley COCHRAM
Helen COCHRAM
13 - Ruby OLAN
* indicates twins

PART IX. Olin/Olan Families of Ontario, Canada

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PART X

Benjamin Franklin Olan (7) and Mary Langstaff Family

Tracks in the sand are about all that a common man
Can hope to leave in this world.
They will be erased very soon but while still visible
Will be followed by some.
Therefore we have a great responsibility to leave an
Honest and clear trail so that they who would follow
Will see a reason for not only ours, but their
TRACKS IN THE SAND!

– Gilbert W. Olin, 1986

Chapter 32
Benjamin F. Olan's (7) Situation In Ontario, Canada

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN OLAN (7)

The fifth child of Ben and Mary Jane Davis Olin was Benjamin Franklin Olan, born October 27th, 1871.

It is believed Benjamin was born near New Centreville, New York, as was his father, the immigrant. As a young adult, Ben would comment that he was born in the states, and, when passing through Centerville, Ontario, only a few miles from Millbrook, was reminded of the same name of the area where he was born. The family did not take him seriously and figured he was teasing them, which he was known to do. Ben ran into great difficulty claiming his old age pension, as there was no birth record of him in Canada. Upon recollection, he remembered that he was told as a boy that he was born in the states,

Benjamin Olin with his team of horses and bobsled in Pineville, Oswego, County, New York, during the mid- to late-1800s.
Photo courtesy of Esther Woodard

but at his senior age, he could not remember where and there was no record of his birth anywhere in the United States. Ben had not heard his siblings mention that any of them were born in the states and he began to doubt the story. Through painstaking effort, people of stature vouched for Benjamin that he was a resident of Canada and had been for many years. I asked his three remaining children, who are now in their late 80's, "Did Grandpa ever get his pension?" They do not recall if he ever got his pension before he died and, if he did, how long it took to finally get it. Ben's daughters recall his tireless effort trying to find his birth record, to no avail.

It was a wonderful breakthrough when I heard this story, told by my great-grandfather that he was born in the states. I had been corresponding with another family member, Doreen Olan Rutherford. Doreen remembered her father commenting about his father, Alfred Olan, talking about Oswego, but never knowing the significance of this place. When I visited Doreen for the first time, our mutual dilemmas came up in conversation. In an atlas, we found that Oswego is in New York State. With this news, I wrote to the library in Oswego, New York, asking for addresses of any Olin's from the local phone book. The library promptly returned only one name, a William Olin, who stated that he was not interested in genealogy, but his sister, Dorothy Strong, was. I wrote Dorothy and, from that introduction on,

the research has not stopped. It is a genealogist's dream come true to find your roots back to the time ancestors first came to North America. This find has taken us back to the 1600's and allowed the formation of the Olin Family Society which will keep this information alive and expanding for many generations from now. I have done research in Albany, the capital of the State of New York, looking for a birth record of Benjamin Olan in 1871. There is no record of his birth because there was a fire which destroyed vital statistics prior to 1872 from Oswego County. This would explain why Ben could find no record of being born in the USA.

Benjamin and Mary Jane Davis Olin (6) and their children made visits from the Kendal, Ontario, area to Oswego, New York, USA. Benjamin visited after the sudden deaths of his parents, Benjamin and Susan Partlo Olin (5). It is not known if the whole family went or just Benjamin. Benjamin and Mary Jane Olin and children, Levi, Alfred and Susan, were documented in the New York census in 1870 and not in the Ontario census in 1871. Benjamin and Mary Jane Davis Olin are not in the 1871 census anywhere in Ontario. This was the year Benjamin Franklin Olin was born. It is likely that Ben was born in the states in the very area where his own father was born and the story Ben told as a young man was valid. This would explain how Ben's older brother, Alfred, was able to tell his children and grandchildren about Oswego, because he was there as a boy. In 1874, Ben, Mary Jane, Levi, Alfred, Susan, George, and Ben (2½) returned to Kendal and Ben returned to Soper's Mill to work. Dean was born in 1886 or 1887.

Mary Jane Davis Olin died in childbirth with her seventh child. Her husband, Benjamin, attempted to raise his five boys and one daughter on his own. Dean, the youngest, would have been near three years of age, Ben, eight, George, eleven, Susan, thirteen, Alfred around fifteen and Levi near nineteen. It was not long before Ben realized he could not raise his family alone. Within two years of his wife's passing, he decided to move to the North Country near Novar, Ontario, to make a living at the mills that were sprouting up and where work was plentiful. Levi went with his father. Alfred went shortly thereafter with his new wife and son, Bert. Susan married a local man just

before her sixteenth birthday. George, Ben and Dean went to live with their maternal grandmother, Electa Davis. Ben's (7) (son of Ben and Mary Jane Olin) recollection in his old age was that he never saw his father after that move. Ben (7) spoke very fondly of his grandmother, Electa Davis, and would weep when he realized she would have been in her seventies when the three children came to live with her. How did she manage? When George and Dean became of age, they traveled to the North Country to see their father again and work at the mill with their older brothers. George married a lady from the North Country and Dean remained a bachelor.

Benjamin F. Olan (7), son of Benjamin and Mary Jane Olin, married Mary Elizabeth Langstaff of Kendal, Ontario, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Thirtle) Langstaff on the 12th of July 1897, a date heavily celebrated by the Irish Protestants in the area. Ben and Mary began their life together farming near Kendal, Ontario. The first

Sisters Laura Fair and Jo-Anne Fair Moriarty, daughters of Joseph and Maretta Olan Fair have established the Canadian/New York OLAN/OLIN connection to their past. They stand behind the gravestones of their great, great grandparents, Benjamin and Susan Partlow Olin in the Pineville Oswego Cemetery.

six of their eleven children were born here: Delbert, Clarence, Laurence, Stanley, Alvin and Melville.

1938 photo of first cousins, grandchildren of Benjamin and Mary E. Langstaff Olan. Left to Right: Maretta A. Olan, Kay Olan, Allan S. Olan, baby Gary Carr and Alvin B. Olan, father of Kay.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

By 1908, Ben and Mary had moved their young family to Cavan Township. It is not clear from family folklore whether to conclude it was at this time Ben's name was changed to Olan or if that happened when he was a child living with his grandmother, Electa Davis, near Kendal, Ontario. Alfred, George and Ben were the three whose names were changed or evolved to 'Olan'. It is possible the same happened to Dean and, upon his move to the North Country to be with his father, he returned it to Olin. Dean is documented with the latter spelling.

Kendal is within miles of Millbrook, Ontario and Cavan Township. We do know that Benjamin Olin (6) was born near New Centreville, New York, emmigrated to Ontario, and that he spelled his name "Olin." This is evident on census records, town records and on his tombstone. The same is on his wife's headstone, Mary Jane Olin. His eldest son, Levi (7), and his youngest son, Dean (7), and his daughter, Susan (7), surnames were spelled Olin. Ben's grandson, Arnilda (8) and his great granddaughters, Arnilda's daughters: Eleanor, Sadie and Isobel (9)

took pride in having the "proper" spelling. The daughters' regret they were not able to carry the name and original spelling on. It was Benjamin's remaining children: Alfred, George and Benjamin (7) who assumed the spelling of Olan.

Family stories passed down to our present generations imply that "Olin" might be considered a Catholic name. Millbrook is a village within Cavan Township, Ontario. This area has a somewhat ambiguous history involving religion and, in the era of the 1800s, the township of Cavan was unwilling to allow anyone of the Catholic faith to live there, even someone seeming to have a Catholic name. If the Olin's, or Grandmother Electa Davis had thought this way, it would explain the need to change the surname. Another explanation could be simply that an individual filled out a set of important documents inadvertently using this spelling and the name was not changed back.

Cavan Township, Durham County, Ontario, was homesteaded by Irish Protestant families in the early to mid-1800s. The Irish immigrated here to begin new lives for themselves because Ireland had experienced a potato blight, causing famine that ravaged the whole country, sending thousands of starving Irish families overseas to survive.

The Irish harvested their potatoes and stored a stash to use for seed in the spring. Blight softened the potatoes, causing them to rot long before the eyes could be planted in the spring. With no potatoes to plant, there were none to grow and nothing to eat. People were dying by the thousands and England did not aid the colony with food during this devastation. To this day, this is part of the rift between the English and the Irish, along with other grievances.

In the Cavan area of Southern Ontario, Irish settlers practiced their Protestant faith to the fullest. They, too, continued to dislike the Roman Catholics, just as they had in the Old Country. From the time of European settlement in Cavan Township in the early to mid-1800s, to the early 1900s, those practicing Catholicism could not live in Cavan Township. If a family moved into the Township and they were Catholic, they did not announce it for fear of being discriminated against or of even losing their homes. It would be their secret so they could live in peace.

I was told of a family who bought a house in Cavan Township in

the 1950s or 1960s and, upon a closer inspection, realized a bedroom was out of proportion from the other bedrooms upstairs. When the suspicious wall was knocked down, they found a smaller room within which contained statues of the Virgin Mary, rosaries, candles and ritualistic tokens belonging to a former Catholic owner of the house. The stash had been there for years and the new residents were unable to determine which of the previous owners of this house the items belonged to. No one ever suspected there was a Catholic living within the community. That unknown family succeeded in not being found out.

The renowned Cavan Blazers were a group of Millbrook and Cavan Township men of all ages who sought to keep Catholic families outside the boundaries of their "territory." Stories have been passed down through the years of homes and barns being burned of those who were suspected of being Catholic. Newcomers who had just set up home would be quickly ousted out of the Township, first by harassment, and if they did not take the hint, a barn fire could start mysteriously because of a runaway wagon ablaze. This was the signature of the Cavan Blazers.

The reputation of this Township remained staunchly Protestant well into the 20th century, enduring over 100 years. It took a strong-willed soul to live here and not be Protestant. Somehow being Catholic and non-Irish was more acceptable by the 1940's than to be both Irish and Catholic.

There are many practicing Irish Catholic communities around Cavan who felt as strongly about the Protestants infringing on their territory as Cavan did about them. While the lineage closer to the Irish immigrants maintained unity, some of the younger generations strayed from these religious boundaries and by the 1940s and 1950s were intermarrying. They usually eloped, and were often disowned by their families on both sides. However, once grandchildren came, prejudices were put aside.

As a child in the 1950s and 1960s, I overheard stories of the Cavan Blazers and those who supported their cause being talked about by my elders. The tales of the Blazers vandalizing and harassing were told as though the tales were fiction. No one wanted to believe this

could have happened within his or her community in any decade; after all, we are all good Christians. Now at the end of the 20th century, these stories of the Cavan Blazers and their mission to keep Cavan Township pure of Roman Catholics by what ever means may be closer to the truth than fiction. Many of us have found out we had ancestors who were Cavan Blazers or who supported the cause. Maybe that is why the tales were portrayed as fiction, in order to hide the truth. During one interview with an elderly family member about the Blazers and her opinion, she stated strongly that the Blazers were, "good people doing what they had to do." She knew many personally and, "you must remember, they never killed anybody."

In the 1990s, a play, "The Cavan Blazers" was performed in the Township at the 4th Line Theatre. The writer, Robert Winslow, a local resident, dared to bring the past to the present with humor. The play was well received by Protestants and Catholics alike.

Nonetheless, the name change from 'Olin' to 'Olan' by some of Benjamin and Mary Jane's (Davis) family will always remain a mystery. There is not a reunion gathering that the question does not come up as to why it was changed.

On December 31, 1908, Ben (7) bought 100 acres on the first Concession for $525. This land is now part of the Ganaraska Park, a Provincial Park. It was at this homestead, in 1932, where my mother, Maretta Olan Fair, fell into a rough edged well. The well was full of water, to the very top. Fortunately for Maretta, she floated to the surface and pulled herself out. She was three years old. She sobbed as she tried to explain to her parents how she got wet. Her parents, Verna and Stan, investigated Maretta's claim and they found little finger marks scratched in the soil at the well's edge. My mother was told of the incident for the first time at 55 years of age after lamenting for years that she has not been able to relax enough to learn to swim. Her mother, Verna, recalled the incident and told her the story.

In March 1917, Ben F. Olan purchased a 200-acre farm from Ed Thorndyke in Cavan Township. Besides working hard on his own farm and raising a large family, Ben owned a threshing machine operated by a steam engine and threshed for many area farmers. This was known as a Threshing Mill moving from farm to farm. It has

been told that, at threshing time, if the meals were good where they were going to work, they worked hard to get finished and get moved to that place by mealtime. If the meals were not good at the next farm, they moved more slowly and they ate where they were before moving on. This Threshing Mill was passed to his sons, Delbert, then Stan, then Alvin. On this farm, the remaining five children were born: Edna, Luther, Stella, Vera and Richard (Dick).

The land Ben farmed was very hilly. It is said it was double-cropped and yields were double since they cropped both sides of the hills.

Mary Elizabeth Langstaff, Ben's (7) wife, was born September 14, 1878, near Kendal, Ontario, in Hope Township. Mary worked alongside her husband with the farm chores. She also churned butter, selling to the neighbors and at the Farmer's Market each Saturday to make ends meet. The market was in downtown Peterborough at Charlotte and George Streets on the second floor. Mary lugged the butter upstairs, while Ben hauled the potatoes. They sold their wares at the market for many years. This same market exists today, but has moved from the second floor of the Clock Tower Building to an open parking lot at Morrow Park at George and Lansdowne Streets. The market has grown to include items other than produce to sell such as buffalo meat, crafts, clothing, woodworking and books.

Mary often milked 20 to 21 cows and separated the cream from the milk as it cooled for the day. Yesterday's cream was churned today, today's cream would be churned tomorrow, and so on. Mary churned the butter daily, except for Sunday, so she churned twice on Monday. Mary was not a religious woman, but she was superstitious. In the winter, the butter was churned in the pantry off the kitchen and, in the summer, it was churned in the cellar. The cooler the temperature, the quicker the butter separated from the liquid.

Mary wore out several butter churns during her lifetime. One style she used was the "dash" type. It was the most familiar type to the area and what we think of when we think of churning. There was an up and down action of the paddle inside the barrel. As times advanced, churns changed and a type with a crank handle (as if starting a Model T car) were developed. This circular motion speeded churning time considerably, increasing production. The wooden barrel was large with

metal bands surrounding it. A fitted lid remained secure as the churning occurred. The cracks between the staves were filled to prevent cream from seeping out. Moist bread was sometimes used to fill the small gaps.

Prior to every churning, Mary's ritual was to comb and tie her hair in a neat, orderly bun or knob at the back of her head to insure that the final food product was always clean. Mary would not sell what she would not eat herself. Once the butter was churned, it was placed into a wooden butter bowl with a wooden spoon and the butter was pushed firmly to the sides to press out the buttermilk, which was poured off. An exact amount of salt was added to assist the surfacing of the buttermilk. Finally, the butter was put into the butter press to give it the block shape. Brown paper cut to the proper size was wetted and a block of butter was positioned on the paper, ready for sale. Mary could churn 100 pounds of butter per week. Mary also sold eggs for income. She had a "clucking hen" to lay on eggs to hatch them. With more chicks, she could produce more eggs to sell.

Neither Ben nor Mary would work on Sundays, Good Friday, the 24th of May (Queen Victoria's birthday), Christmas, New Year's or the 12th of July. The latter was a celebration in honor of a battle fought between the Protestants and the Catholics in Ireland hundreds of years before. The Protestants won the Battle of the Boyne and the tradition of celebrating the date carried over the Atlantic to live on in Ontario well into the 1960s.

My grandparents, Verna and Stan Olan, and my aunts and uncles participated in this parade and activities. My parents, Maretta and Joe Fair, did not participate and could not see the need to. At five or six years old, I wanted to walk in the parade with my aunts and wear a white, frilly dress with a crinoline, black patent leather shoes and hold and umbrella. Now that I realize what the ceremony stood for, I appreciate my parent's decision not to be involved.

Mary was a fabulous cook. She took great effort to cube vegetables for a stew when her children and their families congregated at her home on Sunday afternoons. It was not uncommon to be served pie after each meal. The young children remember their Grandmother giving them brown-sugar sandwiches. These meals and gatherings

are fondly remembered by the Olan youth who attended. Any recollections of their childhood and visits with their Grandparents bring a smile, a chuckle, and a comment, "I miss that." Ben enjoyed company, the more people the merrier. He played his fiddle and step danced.

Ben loved to tease and torment his children and the grandchildren at any opportunity. Ben teased Mary about being tired of eating her "black cakes" which she made all the time. "Did she make them because they were cheap?" Mary paid no attention to Ben and continued to make black molasses cakes which Ben continued to eat.

Ben liked to have folks, adults or children, around him when doing the chores or going into town. He was a good-natured tease and this characteristic has filtered down through the generations. At mealtime, Ben would reach onto one of his grandchildren's dinner plates and snitch a piece of bread. This action would get a vocal rise out of the child, and the more the child reacted, the more amused Ben was. There was little use of the child's mother saying anything to Ben as he ignored her. He turned attention to another unsuspecting grandchild and there was great likelihood he would return to torment the child who had just been settled. Most of Ben's sons learned his teasing techniques quite handily and practiced at any given opportunity. The wives that Ben's sons married did not see the humor in food throwing at mealtime, as Mary seemed to. Her daughter-in-laws did not understand why Mary never put a stop to it. Mary's reaction was, "Everybody is having fun and the cats and dogs have to eat." After the meal, the critters ate the thrown food from the floor and then Mary swept.

Ben's children and grandchildren recall going to sleep at night to Ben playing the fiddle and Mary knitting. She never rested; she did not allow herself to. Her idle moments were constructive. She taught all her children to knit, so even the boys could knit socks. None of the eleven children was musically inclined. When Ben was asked why his kids could not play a fiddle, he said, "I could not think of everything at the last minute."

Ben was a great fiddle player who, in his younger days, was in high demand on Saturday nights. Whenever there was a house party, Ben was summoned and he usually went. One night, Mary had had

enough of staying home with the children while Ben was out playing the fiddle and she smashed the fiddle into pieces. Later, feeling sorry for her action, she bought him a new fiddle for Christmas with her butter money.

1951 photo of Mary Langstaff and Benjamin F. Olan. They had 11 children, the first six in Kendal, Ontario, Canada, and the last five in Cavan, Ontario, Canada.

Ben recalled two horrible experiences from his youth, both involving his parents. The first was when his mother was giving birth to her seventh baby and she and the baby died. He recalled her screaming. He wanted to be with her but was not allowed to go to her by the midwife. The second memory happened after that when his dad had drank too much, was in the cold too long, and froze his toes solid. To prevent gangrene setting in, the doctor had to cut them off. Until Ben died, he never forgot his mother's and father's screams, weeping himself while telling the story.

Mary Olan delivered her children very quickly, her labors were short, a genetic trait she passed on to many of her granddaughters and great-granddaughters. One of Mary's granddaughters had her son on the side of the road after just going into labor. With her next child, as soon as she felt cramps, she phoned the ambulance only to deliver at home. The ambulance took her and the baby to the hospital. She and the babies suffered no complications. For many of us, the fathers were still in the parking lot parking the car. They found they were fathers by the time they reached the delivery room.

After Ben's experience with his mother, he was insistent that a doctor and/or midwife deliver Mary's babies. Once Mary was in labor, Ben would strike out to collect help, often to return to find Mary holding the baby in her arms. His daughters thought Ben went for help to have something to do, as he was so nervous until the baby arrived.

Nine of eleven children of Ben and Mary Olan pose for a sibling photo, ca 1960.
Rear: Thomas Lawrence Olan, Stanley Olan, and Luther W. Olan.
Middle: George Delbert "Del" Olan, and Vera Olan Carr.
Front: Alvin B. Olan, Edna Olan Guthrie, Stella Olan Kennedy and Warren Richard "Dick" Olan.

Around 1949, Ben and Mary bought a farm on the corner of the 4th line and County Road 10 in Cavan Township. As they got older and less able to farm, their youngest son, Dick, and family moved in and farmed the land. Ben and Mary did not give up farm life easily; it was only age and poor health that forced them to give up.

Ben and Mary, until they became frail with age, continued to get up at sunrise and settle when the sun set. They did not turn on lights, even though the last home they lived in had electricity.

Ben always wore a big, bushy moustache and he had a full head of white hair when he died. He was of a short stature, as were his children. Ben had one leg amputated because of diabetes mellitus in his later years.

Chapter 33

Benjamin Franklin And Mary Olan's Six Children Born In Kendal, Ontario

GEORGE DELBERT OLAN (8)

George Delbert "Deb" was the first born of Ben and Mary Olan on December 27, 1897. He was married three times. His first marriage was to Ethel Jane Lunn who was born February 25, 1900. They issued one son, Albert Joseph Olan (Ab). Deb served as Reeve of Cavan Township from 1951 to 1953 and served as Deputy Reeve and Councillor for some years before that. Deb and Ethel farmed potatoes on the 1st Concession of Cavan.

Rear, left to right: In 1952, Mary Langworth Olan and Ben Olan, Delbert Olan and his first wife, Ethel Jane Lunn Olan, Albert Olan and his wife, Dorothy Coulter Olan. Front: Jean and Patricia, two of the three daughters, belonging to Albert and Dorothy Olan, representing four generations.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarity

A newspaper article written in September 1964 records "Delbert Olan of RR#1, Port Hope, lay pinned under his tractor for more than two hours with a fractured leg. Mrs. Olan discovered him about 6:30 pm. His son, Albert, with the assistance of neighbors, lifted the tractor." Deb fully recovered from this incident.

Deb was the envy of his nephews as he owned and drove a Model A touring car.

After Ethel died in 1953, Deb married Isobel (Nelson) Fallis on July 10, 1954. He and his third wife, Ella (Elgar) Gray were married on July 7, 1962.

George Delbert Olan died October 18th, 1968 and is interred at Gardner's Cemetery, Millbrook, Ontario.

ALBERT JOSEPH OLAN (9)

The only child of Delbert and Ethel Olan, Albert "Ab" was born September 27, 1921 and died July 14, 1987. Ab married Dorothy Coulter of Millbrook, Ontario on June 13, 1946 and had three daughters: Jean Ethel; Patricia Gertrude and Anne Elizabeth Olan. Dorothy Olan is an active member of the United Church Ladies Auxiliary in Millbrook.

Jean Olan (10) was born April 10, 1947 and married Wilson Larmer on October 10, 1970. Jean and Wilson Larmer own and operate a

Dorothy Coulter Olan and Albert Olan attended the OLAN family picnic in 1985.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarity

dairy farm of registered Holsteins, Larola Farms on the 4th line of Cavan Township, sporting a sign at the entrance to their home saying "The Taste of Home." They have two children: Brenda Jean, born on New Year's Day, 1972; and Andrew Wilson, born April 13, 1974. I met Andrew one snowy afternoon while assisting the local mail lady deliver her rural mail route. It was freezing rain and I slipped too close to a mailbox and could not get out without scratching the paint on the car or taking the mailbox with us. Andrew stopped and gave a shoulder to the car while I drove backwards and slipped out nicely. I left some jujubes in the mailbox the next day with a note of thanks. I did not realize he was a relative until I got home and recalled the name. It can be a small world sometimes.

Patricia "Pat" Olan (10) born on July 7, 1949, married David Reynolds on August 22, 1970 and they have two children: Amanda Patricia, born on July 19, 1978; and Brenden David, born on September 11, 1981. Pat and David Reynolds are schoolteachers in Peterborough.

Anne Olan (10) was born on April 30, 1953 and married Edward Feth on July 20, 1974. Anne Feth is a nurse at Norfolk General Hospital in Simcoe, ON. Her husband, Edward, works in family business refurbishing furniture.

The sisters, Pat and Anne, wore a pearl necklace that had been in the family for 60 years on each of their wedding days. Originally the necklace was a gift to their maternal grandmother on her wedding day.

CLARENCE ROBERT OLAN (8)

Clarence was born in 1889 near Kendal and married Elizabeth Sexsmith, known to family as Lizzie, on June 24, 1931. They made their home in the small community of Sanadaus, near Aspley, Ontario, where he owned and operated a lumber mill. Clarence and Lizzie looked forward to annual visits from the Olan family, siblings and children in the autumn season, around blueberry picking time. That area of northern Ontario is renowned for its wealth of blueberries and is not far from the area known as Cranberry Capital of Ontario. Clarence's brother, Laurence, placed wooden benches in the back of his hauling truck and the family would pile into the back and make

the long ride to Sanadaus for a day of blueberry picking, a family picnic and a visit. This visit was a fall ritual until Clarence's death. Clarence was fatally injured at his mill when a board thrown from a circular saw struck him in the abdomen, breaking several ribs. Clarence died of internal injuries at the age of 43 years in 1943. He is buried at Little Lake Cemetery in Little Lake, Peterborough, Ontario.

THOMAS LAURENCE OLAN (8)

Laurence Olan, "Dude" to his friends, was born April 13, 1901 near Kendal, Ontario. He married his neighbor, Reta Pearl Kennedy, on May 2, 1928, daughter of Samuel and Charlotte (Gardiner) Kennedy. Reta was born October 2, 1907 in Cavan Township, Durham County, Ontario.

Laurence's brother, Stan, married Reta's sister, Verna Kennedy. The four were close and began their married lives living together and farming together to give themselves a financial start. Laurence eventually bought a truck and delivered as far away as Toronto on old Highway #2, hauling cattle, pigs, produce, seed and lumber with the help of his nephews, who were glad to earn a dollar. He also drove a school bus in his later years. My father, Joe Fair, worked for Laurence for years, which is how he met my mother, Maretta Olan.

Thomas Laurence Olan with his wife, Reta P. Kennedy, and their daughter, Ada Elizabeth Olan, 1945.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Fair Moriarity

In 1941, Millbrook had two Olan's listed in the phone book, one was Laurence and the other was his father, Ben.

Both Laurence and Reta suffered from diabetes. Reta developed diabetes in her childhood and Laurence developed it at an older age, losing both of his legs to the disease. Reta died before the invention of insulin and ate very bland meals trying to stabilize her system. She boiled cabbage three and four times before she could eat it. Reta felt drained from her restricted diet and the disease. She became proficient at needlecrafts, teaching many of her nieces to crochet and knit. Reta died May 28, 1951, at the age of 53 years. After Reta's death, Laurence married Aleta (Challice) Chapman.

Laurence and Reta adopted a daughter, Ada Elizabeth, born April 9, 1938.

Ada Olan (9) was a hairdresser by trade and married Wayne Walter Dracup on March 29, 1958. Ada and Wayne Dracup had three daughters, Katherine Reta Ann, Shelly Elizabeth and Lori Mae Dracup. Wayne Dracup, son of Edward and Lena (Morrow) Dracup died of cancer, October 15, 1985. Ada Dracup married Lawrence Robert Cormack of Trenton, Ontario on February 16, 1991. Larry Cormack was born July 15, 1938, and is retired from the Canadian Air Forces and presently working as a civilian on the Canadian Armed Forces Base in Trenton as an Aircraft Mechanic in a supervisory position.

Katherine 'Kathy' Dracup (10) was born September 7, 1958. She graduated from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute with a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree in Early Childhood Education. She has worked with the Peterborough County and same city Health Unit as an Infant Stimulation Teacher. Kathy received her Master's Diploma in Public Administration from the Western University in London. Kathy Dracup married Gary Harris on March 1, 1996 and they have a daughter, Alexandria Constance Louise Harris born December 13, 1996. Gary Harris was born September 25, 1949 and is a Chartered Accountant and is presently Director of Support Services with Canada Broker Link, a large insurance brokerage firm. He received his B.S. from Trent University in Peterborough. The Harris' live outside Mount Pleasant, near Omemee, Ontario.

Shelley Dracup (10) was born March 3, 1961 and graduated as a

Registered Nursing Assistant in 1978. She nursed for 4½ years, then upgraded and passed her exams to become a Certified Medical Laboratory Technician. Shelley prides herself on giving a needle virtually pain-free and many patients attest to her claim.

Shelley married Mark Gregory Eno on June 9, 1984 in Millbrook and has three children: Gregory, Lauren and Bradley Eno. Gregory Wayne was born June 19, 1988, Lauren Elizabeth was born March 18, 1990, and Bradley Mark was born November 16, 1995. Mark Eno is an assembler at General Motors in Oshawa. The Enos live in Omemee, Ontario.

Lori Dracup (10) was born February 6, 1964. She and John Hooey live on a farm outside of Kirby, Ontario where John raises Standardbred horses, and Lori is a Programme Coordinator for Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aide. They have two children: Kathleen Lynn (Katie) Hooey, born on October 8, 1984, and Peter John Wayne Hooey, born December 12, 1994.

STANLEY ALFRED OLAN (8)

Stanley 'Stan' Olan was born April 30, 1903 near Kendal, Ontario and married his neighbor, Verna Lenora Kennedy. After their marriage, on April 21, 1927, they farmed near Kendal before renting a farm in Cavan Township. In their early years of marriage, Stan and Verna

Stanley Olan, 4th son of Benjamin F. and Mary Langstaff Olan, with his bride, Verna Kennedy, on their wedding day, April 21, 1927.

Five of Verna and Stan Olan's six children in 1949. Left to right: Irene, Dianne, Gail, and Alan holding thier little brother, Bryon. The oldest child, Maretta, was married in 1948.

shared a home, expenses, and farm work by living together with Stan's brother Laurence Olan and his wife, Reta Kennedy, who was also Verna's sister. The bond between the four lasted their whole lives. Stan continued the business his father began of a Threshing Mill. In 1941, Stan and Verna moved to Millbrook to set up a saw mill operation, which they continued until Stan's death in 1971.

During these thirty years, Stan served on the Millbrook Council from 1943 to 1947. Verna worked alongside her husband as so many housewives did in those days. She drove trucks, changed the tires and the oil and loaded and unloaded lumber on more than one occasion. Verna also served hot lunches to the mill crew. She believed a full stomach made for a good day's work.

Stan and Verna kept an open house for family or friends to come and live to get themselves on their feet. For instance, Stan attended an auction at a neighbor's place, the Carveth's, with the intention of buying a bed. The Carveth parents had died and everything was to be sold; their children were orphans. Stan returned home from the sale with the two Carveth boys, Earl and Rod, and no bed. Earl and Rod remained at the Olan's until of age to join the Army. Stan took a ribbing for many years after that, that he would not be allowed to

All six of Verna and Stan Olan's children in 1982. Standing: Maretta Fair. Middle Row, left to right: Dianne Sanderson, Gail Gilmour, and Irene Laird. Front row, Left to right: Byron Olan, Verna Kennedy Olan, their mother, and Allan Olan.

attend another sale. Earl and Rod Carveth kept in touch until their deaths.

In June 1958, Stanley Olan's Lumber Mill burned to the ground in less than an hour. The flames started at the east end of the mill and, before the fire department reached the site, the fire had spread to the west end. All the equipment was lost and lumber smoldered for days. The financial loss of the property was estimated at $75,000. The cause was unknown, but kids smoking was suspected. Stan and the family started over again and rebuilt the mill.

I, being the eldest grandchild, recall my grandfather, Stan Olan, and his teasing, tormenting nature. My grandfather enjoyed lots of people around, especially at mealtime. I recall the dinner would begin in order, but it did not take long for the antics to begin. A pea or carrot would ping off my cheek, ear or throat. As a youngster, I attempted to throw a pea back at my grandfather only to receive a hand on my bottom from my mother for throwing food. My mother appealed to

her father not to show children such poor table manners, to be rewarded with a pea on her forehead. My grandmother, Verna Olan, rarely silenced the action since everybody was having fun. However, I do not remember Grandpa directing a piece of food at her.

There was no mercy spared to company either. Suitors of Stan's daughters were perfect targets. When Stan directed his attention to the new beaus, it gave the grandchildren peace to eat their meals. Until my Grandfather died in 1971, I would not wear an open necked blouse that was not buttoned to the top, or that area became a target zone. Over the years he developed a very good aim.

Stanley and Verna Kennedy Olan celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary, 1967.

Stan was an avid gardener, producing roses that caused passersby to stop to admire.

Stan died of a heart attack at his lumber mill on May 13, 1971. Verna continued living in her own home until her death on October 9, 1997. They are both buried at Rosemont Cemetery, near Peterborough, ON.

Over a twenty year span, Stan and Verna had six children: Maretta Alberta, Allan Stanley, Mary Charlotte Irene, Marilyn Gail, Fern Dianne and Robert Bryan Olan.

MARETTA ALBERTA OLAN (9)

Maretta Olan (9) was born July 31, 1929 in Millbrook, Ontario and remained living in Millbrook until her marriage to Joseph Henry Fair of the 11th line of Cavan on May 15, 1948. Joseph was son of William and Ida (Fallis) Fair.

Maretta Olan graduated from high school and attended Secretarial School in Peterborough, Ontario. Over the years, she and Joe owned many of their own businesses such as garage stations, a hotel, a bowling alley and a used car business. Maretta developed skills as a great chef featuring short order menus, main courses, and baked goods. She was always in demand and never without a job. She prepared meals for staff and residents at a retirement home in Peterborough. Although she retired from there in 1989, everyone still comments that the cooking has never been the same since Mardy (Maretta) left. For over 40 years, Maretta collected recipes and cookbooks from places she has traveled to, or at garage sales, or received as gifts from family and friends. Her collection of recipes is collated into albums filling several shelves. Two recipes Maretta discovered in a 1913 edition of Five Roses Cookbook were Canada Cake and Yankee Buns, representing Olin's/ Olan's on both sides of the border.

Yankee Buns

Sift 3 cups flour with 2 tsp. cream of tartar and 1 tsp. soda.
Work ¼ lb. butter into the flour.
Mix with the hands enough sweet milk to make stiff dough.
Roll ½" thick. Spread with ¾ cup butter and sugar creamed together. Roll up like a pinwheel and cut the roll in slices, ¾" thick.
Place in well-buttered pan and bake in moderate oven.

Canada Cake

1 cup white sugar	½ cup flour
2 eggs	1 ½ tsp. baking powder
½ cup milk	¼ tsp. salt
½ cup butter	1 tsp. vanilla

1. Cream butter
2. Add sugar
3. Beat in unbeaten eggs
4. Add milk and vanilla
5. Mix flour with baking powder and add mixture #4
6. Bake in layer or loaf cake pan at 190°C or 375°F for 20 minutes.

Joe Fair drove truck in his youth, hauling stock for Laurence Olan. This led to Joe's obtaining his auto mechanic's license, then owning and operating a garage, fixing and selling cars, trucks and small engines. Joe was always wheeling and dealing to get a good price on a car or its parts.

Joe Fair had a way with animals, especially with dogs, and could train them to do almost anything. Even now, after fifty years, Joe is remembered for training his dog to ride 90 miles to Toronto on the running board of a truck to make deliveries of livestock for market. The dog was needed to herd cattle or pigs off or on the truck. The man who was helping Joe was allergic to dog fur and insisted the dog not ride in the cab of the truck. So Joe designed a running board big enough for the dog to lay on outside of the driver's door. The dog only fell off once, and, when Joe noticed it missing, turned around and the dog was waiting patiently, unharmed, where it had fallen off.

Maretta and Joe Fair celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1998. They issued three children: Maretta 'Jo-Anne', Ronald Henry and Laura-Lee Michelle Fair.

Joseph and Maretta Olan Fair family, 1995.
Left to right. Front: Rhonda, daughter of Ron Fair, and Jolene Moriarity. Second row: Joseph Fair, Maretta Olan Fair and Justene Moriarty. Third row: Douglas Moriarty, Jo-Anne Fair Moriarty, Bonnie, wife of Ron Fair, Laura Fair-Schulz and Robbie Fair-Schulz, husband of Laura. Back row: Fred, son of Ron Fair, and Ron Fair.

Jo-Anne Fair (10) was born November 25, 1950 in Peterborough, Ontario, and was married to Colin 'Douglas' Moriarty on September 15, 1973 in Edmonton, Alberta. Douglas is son of the late Allen and Mary (McGugan) Moriarty of Saskatchewan. Doug was born November 15, 1947 in Vancouver, British Columbia where both of his parents mustered out of the Army, having served in the second world war. Doug was raised in Saskatchewan.

Jo-Anne Fair met Doug Moriarty in Grande Cache, Alberta where both of their daughters, Jolene and Justene, were born. They moved to Ontario in 1978 to Port Eglin, Ontario. Jo-Anne worked at clerking and clerical jobs during their sixteen years there.

Joseph and Maretta Olan Fair and their daughter, Jo-Anne, and son-in-law, Douglas Moriarity, at the 1994 NY/PA Olin reunion at Donald and Judy Olin's home in Harpursville, New York.

Doug was a millwright for Ontario Hydro at the Bruce Nuclear Station on Lake Huron until 1994, when he transferred to the Darlington Nuclear Station on Lake Ontario, near Bowmanville, Ontario.

In September 1998, Jo-Anne graduated from Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough, receiving a Practical Nursing Certificate, and works in long term care facilities as a Registered Practical Nurse. Jo-Anne is a family historian for both her and her husband's family, researching each family name back to when they first arrived in North America. This pastime, a passion for eleven years, involved research which developed into family vacations with excursions all over Canada and the United States, and making of many good friends. Jo-Anne enjoys line dancing, clogging, knitting, crocheting, rug hooking and quilting.

Doug has been a millwright over twenty years and is looking toward retirement in the near future. He is an avid hockey player, playing since primary school. Doug tried out for the Brandon Wheat Kings, a farm team for the Boston Bruins in 1964. He is still playing hockey and referees minor hockey. Doug enjoys reading and has collected all of Louis Lamour's novels. He is kept very busy with renovations and alterations to their century-old home in Millbrook, Ontario.

Jo-Anne and Doug Moriarty's daughters, Jolene Anslea, born July 27, 1974, and Justene Michelle, born August 28, 1975, received their primary and high school education in Port Elgin, Ontario. They have no recollection of living in Alberta as they were only three and one-half and two and one-half when they moved to Ontario, but they have returned several times to Alberta to visit their father's family.

Both sisters were active in school and community sports of all kinds. They swam competitively ten years on a swim team earning themselves several awards and traveling all over Ontario to compete. Both Jo-Anne and Doug were active with the swim team as executives or officials.

Jolene Moriarty (11) graduated from Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario with her B.A. in Honours Native Studies and has graduated from Sir Sandford Fleming College with a Diploma in the Corrections Programme. Correction's Canada presently employs Jolene as a Correctional Officer at a Provincial Facility in Millbrook, Ontario.

Justene Moriarty (11) graduated from Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario with her B.A. in Sociology and Psychology and is presently employed at a retirement home in Port Perry, Ontario as the Office Manager and Recreational Director.

Ron Fair (10) was born November 9, 1952 in Peterborough, Ontario. He married Janet Louise Dunford on May 27, 1972 in Burleigh Falls, Ontario and they have two children: Frederick William and Rhonda Louise Fair. Ron and Janet are divorced. Ron Fair married Bonnie Lorraine Parnell Dunford on June 23, 1990 in Buckhorn, Ontario. Bonnie has three children: Dean, Julie and David Dunford. Julie Dunford has a daughter, Allison Lorraine Julia Bym, born on September 12, 1997.

Ron Fair is self-employed as a backhoe operator, owning his own successful Excavation Business out of Buckhorn, Ontario. He employs his son, Fred Fair, full time and they are busy well into the winter months digging basements, sewers or trenches for gas or power lines. Our winters are becoming so mild, the ground and the waterways are not freezing solidly so excavation can continue twelve months of the year. The last two winters, Ron has not been able to get out onto the

lakes to do the stone wall work he has hired to do because the ice is too thin to hold his heavy equipment. Being self-employed leaves little time for relaxation, so Ron and Bonnie put in a pool to treat themselves in the evenings.

Bonnie Fair has worked for many years at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario in the Custodial Department.

Fred Fair (11), eldest child of Ron and Janet Fair, was born June 17, 1973, Father's Day, in Peterborough, Ontario and works long hours alongside his father operating a John Deere high hoe. Fred has the gentle hands and patience required to operate this heavy equipment and brags that he can scratch your back with the claws and not leave a mark. Fred married Cindy Hamblin in August 1997 in Lakefield, Ontario. Cindy is a dental assistant.

Rhonda Fair (11) was born March 22, 1977 in Peterborough, Ontario and works as a hair stylist in the Rideau Centre in Ottawa, Ontario. This hair salon is highly regarded so Rhonda meets politicians and their spouses, dignitaries and diplomats from other countries as well as actors and actresses. Rhonda has won several awards from hair styling courses she has taken throughout Ontario to enhance her career. Her pride and joy is her dog 'Whiskey,' a boxer mix. Rhonda is to be married June 21, 2000 to Steven Hockaday, son of Arnold and Glenna (Wiles) Hockaday of Lakefield, Ontario. Steven is a house painter and an artist.

Laura-Lee Michelle Fair (10), the youngest child of Maretta and Joe Fair, was born August 20, 1961 in Penetanguishene, Ontario and is an artist in mixed media. Laura Fair received her primary and high school education in Lakefield, Ontario and began her undergraduate artwork by winning a summer scholarship to the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto. Laura attended the Ontario College of Art and George Brown College and completed, with honours, a three-year multimedia art program at Central Technical School in Toronto, transferring her credits towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Brighham Young University in Utah, USA, earning a Master of Fine Arts in 1997. She has taught at University and College levels.

While working at the Toronto Libraries, Laura met Sven-Axle 'Robbie' Shulz. Robbie was born on August 3, 1969 in Freiberg,

German Democratic Republic in Europe. Laura-Lee Michelle Fair and Sven-Axle 'Robbie' Shulz were married in Logan Lake, Utah, USA, on August 3, 1991, conjoining their surnames to Fair-Shulz. Robbie received his Masters Degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, USA, in German History.

Laura and Robbie Fair-Shulz moved to Fort Erie, Ontario on Lake Erie in August 1997 with their dog, Golo and all of their cats on the same day as Princess Diana was killed in France. The city of Fort Erie flew all of their flags at half staff while the tragedy dominated the news for days.

Laura Fair-Shulz teaches art classes at Niagara College and at the Niagara Pumphouse Art Centre. Both facilities are in St. Catherines, Ontario. Laura also teaches at Brock University in Welland, Ontario.

Robbie Fair-Shulz is attending and teaching classes at the State University of New York (SUNY). He is achieving his Ph.D. in German History and, to enhance his dissertation, Robbie will do research in Germany for a ten-month period from September 1999, returning to Fort Erie in 2000.

Laura Fair-Shulz, a talented artist, is also a sculptor and gardener who can create little sketches at whim. She has a natural flare for color and design. Laura has had several solo and group exhibitions at galleries and studios in Provo, Salt Lake City and Springville, Utah and Toronto and St. Catherines, Ontario and has had work published in three books, one being Utah Women's Art Project, *Out of the Land: Utah Women*, (Salt Lake City, 1992).

ALLAN STANLEY OLAN (9)

The first son born to Stan and Verna Olan was Allan, born July 5, 1936, in Millbrook, Ontario. Allan married Nancy Jean Lunn of Fraserville, Ontario on August 15, 1964, in Fraserville, Ontario, daughter of Harold and Lillian (Snelgrove) Lunn of Fraserville. Nancy was born April 9, 1945.

Allan Olan worked alongside of his father at his lumber mill in Millbrook at 62 King Street East, until shortly after Stan's death in 1971, when the mill closed. Allan then drove truck for over a decade for Buckam's Transports in South Monaghan, Ontario, while Nancy

owned and operated a clothing store for ladies and children in Millbrook. Allan and Nancy then purchased an existing hardware store in the village and operated it successfully for 12 years, selling it in 1997. Allen has returned to driving which he enjoys immensely. He drives a roll-off truck for Newcastle Recycling that delivers large recycling bins to institutions, factories and hospitals. The truck is designed to roll off the bins with ease. Nancy is selling Tupperware. In Nancy's spare time, she practices the fiddle and plays with a group called the Home Town Fiddlers that entertains at fairs, seniors groups and benefits. Allan has begun to play the fiddle, too.

Allan and Nancy Olan adopted two children, David and Susan. David Allan was born on Nancy's birth date, April 9, 1970. David Olan works at Textron in Port Hope, Ontario as a line worker building dashboards for Chrysler vehicles. David was married to Kirsi Marja Kaarina Sheppard on August 7, 1993 in Millbrook, Ontario at the Pentecostal Church. David and Kirsi have four children: Cassandra Kaarina Gertrude, born on April 10, 1991; Christina 'Tina' Jori, born January 5, 1993; Madison Mackenzie, born May 7, 1996, and Noah David Olan, born January 18, 1999.

Susan Gail Olan (10) daughter of Allan and Nancy Olan, was born Remembrance Day, 1974 and works for payroll and accounts at a heating and air conditioning supplier in Oshawa, Ontario. Susan has a daughter, Alison Gail Olan, born January 30, 1994 in Peterborough, Ontario. Susan Olan is engaged to be married on July 22, 2000 to John Michael Doig of Millbrook, ON. John Doig was born on March 17, 1975 and is a carpenter.

MARY CHARLOTTE OLAN (9)

Mary Charlotte 'Irene' Olan was born January 23, 1939 in Peterborough, Ontario. Irene worked hand in hand with her mother, Verna Olan, preparing meals for the mill hands employed in the family business. Irene Olan was an excellent cook who excelled in baking pies and anything with pastry. Irene Olan married William George 'Bill' Laird on September 15, 1962 in Millbrook, Ontario. Bill Laird was born on March 28, 1939 and worked for Master Feeds for 32 years in accounting until a fatal heart attack, dying on July 7, 1989.

His wife, Irene, died of cancer on October 22, 1987. Bill and Irene transferred to Komoka, Ontario in 1964 where they began raising their three children: Nancy Louise, Catherine Lynn 'Cathy' and William George 'Billy' Laird.

Nancy Laird (10) was born January 29, 1963 in Oshawa, Ontario, and raised in Komoka, Ontario, which she still calls home. Nancy Laird graduated from an Early Childhood Education programme from St. Clair College in Sarnia and remained in this field until 1994. She is employed by Toronto Dominion Bank in London, Ontario. Nancy Laird married James Andrew McKie on July 5, 1986 in Lobo, Ontario and they have three children: James Robert 'Jim', born February 21, 1987; Jaime-Leigh Catherine Irene, born November 23, 1989. Jamie died on January 3, 1990 of crib death. Their third child is Todd William McKie, born March 5, 1992.

Cathy Laird (10) was born on her father's birth date, March 28, 1965 in London, Ontario, and was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident at the age of 16 on May 30, 1981. Cathy played softball, with aspirations of becoming an umpire in the summer of 1981. Cathy enjoyed being around children.

Billy Laird (10) was born December 22, 1966 in London, Ontario and was killed in a motor vehicle accident in Millbrook on November 7, 1987 at the age of 20. Billy worked at a factory in Strathroy, Ontario. Bill, Irene, Cathy, Billy Laird and Jamie-Leigh McKie are buried in Campbell's Cemetery in Komoka, Ontario.

The remaining survivor of this family is Nancy. She is a single mother since shortly after Todd's birth. This woman, now only in her thirties, has endured many hardships; a marriage separation, a career change, abandonment of in-laws and no family living close enough to assist her on a daily basis. She has survived and forged ahead, demonstrating great courage and strength with all that has been dealt to her. Nancy holds no grudge on life and maintains a futuristic outlook. Half of what she has experienced at her young age would have weakened most of us. She has set a good example for her sons and us to follow.

MARILYN GAIL OLAN (9)

Marilyn 'Gail' Olan was born May 10, 1944 in Peterborough, ON

and she graduated from hairdressing school at 16 years, setting up business in Millbrook. Gail was a hairstylist until her stroke in 1986. Gail married William 'Wayne' Gilmour on April 8, 1967 and they had three children: Daniel, Kerri and Michael. Wayne, the son of Victor and Audrey (Bristow) Gilmour, born October 15, 1945, works for Textron in Port Hope, Ontario. Wayne and Gail also have a hobby farm of cattle, pigs and chickens.

Daniel Wayne 'Dan' Gilmour (10) was born January 5, 1973 in Peterborough, Ontario and drives truck for Newcastle Recycling. Dan has a son, Brandon Daniel Haines, born July 6, 1991 and was married to Shannon Yvonne McAnerin on October 17, 1998 in Millbrook, Ontario. Shannon Gilmour was born was born July 26, 1978 and has a daughter, Tamara Joan McAnerin born September 26, 1997.

Kerri Lynn Gilmour (10) was born March 16, 1973 in Peterborough, Ontario. She worked as a health care aide at Springdale Nursing Home in Springville, Ontario, then switched careers to become a cook at the same facility. Kerri Gilmour was married to Jeff James Baker on November 30, 1991 at her parent's home at the Carmel Corner, south of Millbrook. Jeff Baker is the son of Sharon and Jim Baker of Cavan Township and was born July 11, 1970. He works at Mother's Parkers, a pastry factory in Port Perry, Ontario. Kerri and Jeff have two children: Shelby Lynn, born June 5, 1992; and Jacob Earl Baker, born April 6, 1995.

Michael John Gilmour (10) was born May 27, 1976 in Peterborough, Ontaio. He is engaged to Marcelle Susan Thomas, with their wedding plans set for September 2000. Marcelle is a hairstylist and was born on July 7, 1977. Marcelle has two children: Austin Tyler Christian Thomas, born December 6, 1993; and Candice Marie Thomas, born November 3, 1994.

FERN DIANNE OLAN (9)

Fern 'Dianne' Olan was born October 19, 1946 in Peterborough, Ontario. She has been a hairstylist for over 35 years. Dianne Olan is an avid gardener of flowers, fruits, and vegetables, putting anyone else's garden to shame. Dianne married Paul Douglas Sanderson, a dairy farmer from Bailieboro, Ontario on December 5, 1970. Paul is

the son of Roy and Christina (Bulmer) Sanderson. Mrs. Christina Sanderson was born in 1904 and lives in her own home in good physical and mental health. Dianne and Paul Sanderson have three sons: Ian, Sean and Scott.

Ian Ronald Sanderson (10) was born May 7, 1971 in Peterborough, Ontario and was discharged from the hospital five days after his mother was discharged so she could attend her father, Stan Olan's, funeral. Ian works for Purolator Courier Service. He was married on September 11, 1999 to Kimberly Jane 'Kim' Beavis, daughter of Wayne and Virginea (Gutz) Beavis of Peterborough, Ontario. Kim Sanderson works for Quaker Oats in Peterborough, Ontario.

Sean Arron Sanderson (10) was born April 16, 1973 in Peterborough, Ontario. He is a carpenter and licensed lather. Sean married Heather Lynn Bishton, daughter of Carl and Carolyn (Wilfong) Bishton, on October 2, 1999. Sean is an avid hunter and fisherman and Heather is a creative craftsperson.

Scott Roger Sanderson (10) was born March 19, 1976 in Peterborough, Ontario and is married to Janet Leigh Moore of Millbrook. Scott and Janet have three children: Kyla Leigh, born November 14, 1994; Taylor Lynn, born June 14, 1996; and Scott 'Scotty' Donald Paul Sanderson, born Boxing Day, 1999. Janet Moore Sanderson is a daughter of Sherry and Don Moore. Sherry Moore is a daughter of George and Bonnie Chapman; George Chapman is a son of Marwood and Aleta (Challice) Chapman. After Aleta was widowed, she married Laurence Olan, thus allowing Kyla, Taylor and Scotty Sanderson to have two Grandmother Olans, paternally and maternally. Janet is a clerk at the IGA grocery store in Millbrook. Scott works at NHB Kitchens in Peterborough, Ontario, making kitchen cupboards. In his spare time he enjoys gardening. One summer, after a bountiful crop of cucumbers and zucchini, Scott decided to give some away. He placed a chair at the end of the driveway with cucumbers and zucchinis stacked neatly on the chair with a sign saying 'FREE' attached to the back of the chair. When Scott returned home from work, he found cucumbers and zucchinis stacked on the ground and the chair was gone.

ROBERT BRYAN OLAN (9)

Robert 'Bryan' Olan was born July 29, 1949 in Peterborough, Ontario. Bryan made it feasible for his mother, Verna Olan, to live in her home until her death at the age of 88 years. With his mother arthritically disabled, Bryan was her legs and was a great help to her. For over thirty years, Bryan cut grass in the summer and shoveled snow in the winter for most of the elderly people in the village of Millbrook for a bit of income. After his mother's death, Bryan moved to a facility in Millbrook designed for mentally challenged adults.

ALVIN BENJAMIN OLAN (8)

Alvin Olan was the fifth child of Ben and Mary Olan born near Kendal, Ontario on May 24, 1905. Alvin sported the nickname of 'Banty' through his youth and many old friends continued to call him that in his old age. Alvin enjoyed farming; he sharecropped with Billy Bristol in the beginning years on the 2nd line of Cavan. Alvin Olan married Florence 'Flo' Coker Worr on November 19, 1930. Flo, nicknamed 'Midge', was born July 6, 1906. At the age of six, Florence drank from a container of carbolic acid, which ate the lining of her stomach. One of the many after effects was extreme sensitivity to offensive smells. Living on a farm proved difficult, as the odors would sicken Flo to nausea, so she seldom went in the fields. Alvin did manage once to get Flow on the mower and she ran over a hornet's nest while harvesting peas. That pretty much finished her helping in the fields.

Alvin and Flo Worr Olan stand with their daughter, Kay, in 1938.

In June 1941, living near the Marsh Church on the West End of the 5th line of Cavan, Alvin and Flo grew potatoes and hired boys and girls from Millbrook to pick them. There were no men to hire or any hired hands as most young men of age had been conscripted or had enlisted in the war

effort. Flo fed the children their meals and she was always amazed at how large their appetites were for only being children. These children would bring sugar or their ration coupons and give them to Flo so she could buy sugar to make them pies, tarts and cookies to eat. She was a great baker.

In September 1944, Alvin and Flo bought a farm near Pontypool, Ontario. While cutting hay, a hen flew in front of the tractor and Alvin ran over it, cutting off the legs. He quickly bled it and plucked the feathers off. Flo cooked it for supper, but Alvin felt so guilty about the chicken he could not eat the meal.

Alvin Olan did custom work for neighbors with his threshing mill, as his father, Ben, and brothers, Delbert and Stan, had done. In 1946 or 1947, while working for Ken Moses, a nearby neighbor, the straw cutter clogged. Not completely knowing the makeup of the machine, Alvin tried to disengage the plug with his hand and the machine started, catching his hand and cutting if off. This was the end of the threshing mill business as the family had known it. Alvin was fitted with an appliance that strapped over his shoulder and was operated by the movement of his shoulder. Alvin mastered the prosthesis well enough

Alvin H. Olin (center) poses with his daughter, Kay, and her husband, Fred Youngman, 1984.

to pick a dime up off the table. At times the appliance would come apart at the joint, and Alvin would use a buggy tire (steel rim) to hold the pieces in place. Even with his hand gone, Alvin never slowed down. He boasted that he would milk the cows, separate the milk, light the fires, feed the pigs and be at work by 7 a.m.

Alvin used a potato picker to harvest his potatoes. The potatoes

were put on an elevator with a person on either side to pick out weeds and the potatoes would fall into the bags. Potato sacks weighed 100 pounds. Bags were set to the side in each row and a tractor would come around to pick them up.

In 1976, Alvin and Flo sold the farm and moved into a smaller house, but Alvin didn't quit farming. He worked a mail route for twelve years and their daughter, Kay, assisted him, as the job was difficult to do with one hand.

In 1975, Alvin was diagnosed with throat cancer and, in 1978, surgery was done to remove the larynx. Alvin learned to sign and his daughter and family learned to read his lips. Alvin was very independent and drove his own car until later in years. One day, he felt his driving was not apt. He stopped that very day and never drove again. Alvin loved to play Euchre and Bingo and when asked how he yelled 'Bingo' with no voice, he signed 'I just jump up.'

Margaret Kathleen 'Kay' Olan (9) was born October 18, 1931 in Hope Township. Kay always wore a bow in her long, blonde hair. She had many fond memories of her parents and of her Olan grandparents. She remembers playing frequently at her grandparent's farm with her cousins, Don and Lloyd Guthrie. On one occasion, the boys convinced Kay to go into the orchard for an apple; Kay didn't know that a ram was in the orchard and it butted her. She ran to the house sobbing while the boys laughed.

Kay's parents had a horse named Prince that would pump the handle of the well to give itself a drink. It would hold the handle with its teeth and pump vigorously until the water flowed and it drank. Kay was only six when she attempted to prime the well for Prince, but she missed the pump. The horse got mad and chased her to the fence, nipping at her heels as she scrambled under it.

Kay recalled running beside the tractor and getting caught under it. The ground was soft and Kay was pushed into the ground. The ordeal left cleat marks from the tires all over her chest.

Kay was raised playing cards, mostly Euchre, but she was very good at every card game she played. She often drove elderly friends and family to tournaments in the area and of course, she also played. Fred, her husband, once commented that the Olans liked to play Euchre

eight days a week with a practice on Wednesday. Kay was an excellent quilter and had many tops to be finished when she died of cancer on December 1, 1997. Kay Youngman is buried in Pontypool Cemetery.

Rev. Honey married Kay Olan and Fred Youngman at the United Church in Pontypool, Ontario on June 15, 1949. Doris Stinson and Ernest Youngman stood up for the couple. Fred is the son of Edward

Kay Olan and Fred Youngman at their wedding, 1949. The bridesmaid is Doris Stinson.

and Winifred Youngman in Pontypool, Ontario, who were caretakers for the Ganaraska Forest. Fred met Kay Olan upon his return from the west just after the war. Fred and his brother, Gordon Youngman, and a friend, Steve, each bought a used army motorcycle and headed out west for work. They had no maps and no more than $50 a piece and arrived in Dubuque, Iowa with nothing. A gentleman took pity on them and gave them a sandwich and some milk. It turned out that the good Samaritan was from Cavan, Ontario. That autumn, Fred and Steve returned to Ontario and Gordon remained in the west, settling in Calgary, Alberta.

The year before, Fred had headed west by train on the last harvester excursion to Delburne, Alberta, near Red Deer. There was no charge for the train ride out, but a $10 rail fee for returning.

Fred Youngman worked at numerous jobs before retiring from General Motors in Oshawa where he was a sander. He farmed with his father-in-law, Alvin Olan, and worked construction at the

Correctional Facility in Millbrook, Ontario and for Ontario Hydro.

Kay and Fred Youngman had two daughters: Linda and Marilyn.

Linda Marie Youngman (10) was born May 5, 1950 and worked over two decades in a group home for women requiring psychiatric care. When the facility closed, Linda began to care for children in her home. Linda Youngman married Brian David Fraser on June 17, 1972 and they celebrated their 25th Anniversary in 1997. They have three children: Mellissa, Amanda, and Eric Fraser. Brian Fraser was born March 13, 1951 and works for General Foods in Cobourg, ON, as a millwright.

Melissa Ann Fraser (11) was born September 8, 1975 and is in St. Catherines, Ontario, teaching daycare as an Early Childhood Educator.

Amanda Marie Fraser (11) was born May 17, 1978 and is attending University in St. Catherines, Ontario to become a teacher.

Eric Daniel Fraser (11) was born February 6, 1981 and attended high school in Cobourg, Ontario.

Marilyn Elizabeth Youngman (10) was born May 8, 1956 and works for the Royal Bank in Cobourg, Ontario. Marilyn Youngman married Morris Cameron Jackson on October 25, 1975 and they have two daughters: Holly and Laura Jackson. Marilyn and Morris are divorced. Marilyn Jackson married David Reid, a millwright at Viceroy Homes in Port Hope in June of 1997, the last event Linda's mother, Kay, was able to attend due to her failing health with cancer.

Holly Lynn Margaret Jackson (11) was born April 4, 1977 and works for General Foods in Cobourg, Ontario. Holly Jackson married Henry Mathers on June 23, 1999 and they live on Dale Road in Baltimore, Ontario.

Laura Faith Jackson was born October 18, 1979 and has just graduated from high school in Cobourg, Ontario.

MELVILLE SAMUEL OLAN (8)

Melville Olan was born near Kendal in November 1907 and died April 16, 1908 at six months old in his mother's arms of a chest cold. His mother, Mary Langstaff Olan, said he was the most beautiful baby she had ever seen.

Chapter 34

Benjamin F. and Mary Olan's Five Children Born in Cavan, Canada

EDNA MAY OLAN (8)

Edna Olan was born January 24th, 1909 on the first line of Cavan and married Robert Guthrie on June 15th, 1927, son of John and Olga Guthrie. Edna Guthrie began wallpapering and painting homes after the Second World War, traveling as far away as Cobourg, Orono, Oshawa, Oakville, Peterborough and Port Hope,Ontario. She did not drive, so the customer would come and get her and return her or she would find a ride to her work. An article was written in the Peterborough Examiner titling Edna Guthrie as "Painter and Paperhanger Extraordinare." Edna was still doing some wallpapering at the age of eighty-two, up and down the stepladder as she had done for years. Edna was an avid walker, and, until she entered the hospital at the age of ninety, was seen daily walking around the village of

Robert Guthrie and Edna Olin Guthrie are proud parents of six children. 1949 photos.

The Bob and Edna Olan Guthrie clan at the 1984 Olan Reunion in Millbrook, Ontario.

Photos courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

Millbrook. Edna and Robert Guthrie had six children: Don, Lloyd, Mary, John, Margaret and Laureen.

DONALD IVAN GUTHRIE (9)

Donald Guthrie was born January 10th, 1928 and married Velma Ruth White on July 26th, 1952. Velma White was born April 9th, 1930, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William White. Don Guthrie retired early after a career and an "end of the line" inspector from General Motors in Oshawa, Ontario.

Don Guthrie has had a consistent interest in horses, owning hackney ponies and quarter horses and showing them at fairs and in parades. He repairs harnesses and bridles and rebuilds buggies, wagons and cutters, not for the money, but for the love of working with his hands and making a useable end product. Don enjoys Euchre and plays once a week faithfully. Don's wife, Velma Guthrie, worked retail over the years, retiring from the local Drug Store in Millbrook. Don and Velma have four children: Allan, Ruth, Susan and Donna Guthrie.

Donald Ivan Guthrie of Bailieboro married Velma Ruth White in the Cavan United Church,July 26, 1952.

Photos courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty.

Donald and Velma White Guthrie at the 1987 Olan reunion in Ontario.

Allan Guthrie (10) was born August 11th, 1955 and worked as a lineman for the Public Utilities Commission in Peterborough, Ontario. Allan married Cindy Till on August 15th, 1981 and they have two children: Steven Allan Guthrie, born September 6th, 1985; and Lauren Ruth Guthrie, born on January 19th, 1988.

Ruth Guthrie (10) was born March 30th, 1958 and she works as a receptionist for a dermatologist.

Susan Guthrie (10) was born March 10th, 1963 and assists in the pharmacy department at a local drug store in Millbrook. Susan Guthrie married Anthony "Tony" Roka on January 26th, 1987 and they have four children: Kaitlin Don, born August 8th, 1987; Jarrett Rudolph, born December 16th, 1988; Mason Anthony, born November 15th, 1992; and Kurtis Clifford Roka, born September 23rd, 1994. Tony Roka is self-employed in the lumber and trucking business hauling wood and trees to a family sawmill in Pontypool, Ontario to sell for slab wood and lumber.

Donna Mae Guthrie was born May 6th, 1966 and is a pharmacist

technician at Civic Hospital in Peterborough, Ontario. Donna Guthrie married Jeff Hendricks and they have two children: Julie Mae, born March 9th, 1993; and William "Billy" Francis Hendricks, born June 13th, 1997. Jeff Hendricks is a Correctional Officer at the Correctional Institution in Millbrook, Ontario.

LLOYD GUTHRIE (9)

Lloyd Guthrie was born October 24th, 1929 and married Evelyn Smith on October 6th, 1948 and they have two sons: Barry James and Paul William Guthrie. Evelyn Smith was born September 9th, 1930 and has been an employee of Sears Canada for many years. Lloyd retired as a foreman from General Motors in Oshawa, Ontario and enjoys traveling with their trailer. They have recently moved to Chatham, Ontario where they built a home. Lloyd's pastime has been to fix up cars for himself and others, returning them to their owners in immaculate condition.

Barry Guthrie (10) was born March 25th, 1949 and works for Ontario Hydro. Barry married Barbara Jane MacKenzie on March 20th, 1970 and they have two children: Lee Ann Marie, born September 29th, 1970; and Michael Robert Guthrie, born April 13th, 1974. There was an article in the *Oshawa Telegram* in April 1949 about Barry, at three weeks old, possibly holding the "grandparent record." The story carries a photo of the infant with his parents, Evelyn and Lloyd Guthrie, and photos of his paternal grandparents, Edna and Robert Guthrie, and great-grandparents Mary and Ben Olan and Olga and John Guthrie. A paragraph relates that Barry has an unbroken line of ancestry on his father's side right back to his great-grandparents.

Paul William Guthrie (910) was born January 19th, 1956 and works at General Motors in Oshawa, Ontario. He married Katharin Elaine Neilson on May 17th, 1980. Paul and Katharin Guthrie have a son, Robert Arthur Guthrie, born November 6th, 1988 in Oshawa, Ontario.

MARY OLGA GUTHRIE (9)

Mary Guthrie was born October 5th, 1932 and married Jack John Nelson on October 6th, 1950. Jack Nelson was born in 1923 and died 1993. He drove a road grader and worked on construction. Mary and

Jack Nelson had nine children: Janice, Donald, Helen, Gordon, Sherry, Jacqueline, James, Steven and Terrance.

Janice Mary Nelson (10) was born on May 1st, 1951 and has a son, Clayton Warren, born September 9th, 1986. Janice Nelson married Gary Donaldson in September 1992 and resides in Whitby. Gary works for the Ministry of Transportation out of Toronto.

Donald James Nelson (10) was born on March 17th, 1952 and married Angela Whitmore on August 24th, 1984. Don and Angela Nelson have one son, James, born January 9th, 1987.

Helen Nelson (10) was born in 1953 and died in 1954 of crib death. She is buried in St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery in Ida, Ontario. Her cemetery stone inscription reads 1954-1954, but her siblings state that this is not the correct birth year.

Gordon Robert Nelson (10) was born May 9th, 1953 and married Coral Marie Trollope on April 15th, 1976. Coral Nelson, daughter of Clifford and Fanita Trollope was born July 16th, 1951, and has a son Dale Michael Nelson, born February 12th, 1971. Gord works for ABA Auto Wreckers on the 10th line of Cavan at Springville, Ontario and Coral is a waitress and bartender. Dale Nelson works for Cook's Maintenance Plumbing Services.

Sherry May Nelson (10) was born April 1st, 1958 and married Terry Rowe on October 6th, 1975, and then Garry Strong on September 28th, 1984. Sherry and Terry Rowe had three children: Paul, Michael and Melanie Rowe.

Paul John Rowe (11) was born April 17th, 1976 and lives in Whistler, British Columbia.

Michael James Rowe (11) was born March 31, 1977. Michael and Amanda Whalen have a son, Bailey Jason Michael Whalen-Rowe born October 7th, 1998. Michael is taking computer courses at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough, Ontario.

Melanie Ann Rowe (11) was born November 25, 1979.

Jacqueline Anne Nelson (10) was born August 21st, 1959 and married David Stinson on September 9th, 1980. They have two children: Jennifer, born in September 1981 and Allen David Stinson, born in June 1983.

James John Nelson (10) was born February 6th, 1961 and married

Kim Quackenbush. They have three children: Jayme-Lynn Fayth, born November 30th, 1991; Vada Kimberly Mary, born August 13th, 1994; and a son, Cody Nelson.

Steven John Nelson (10) was born March 23rd, 1964.

Terrance Ivan Nelson (10) was born January 8th, 1968.

MARGARET EDNA GUTHRIE (9)

Margaret "Margie" Guthrie was born September 22, 1935 and married Edwin "Lyle" Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Armstrong of Kemptville, Ontario on September 10th, 1955. Lyle Armstrong worked at General Motors. Shortly after his retirement, Lyle had a stroke and died of complications. Margie Armstrong lives in Oshawa, Ontario and enjoys playing bridge. Margie and Lyle had a son, David, born December 15th, 1957. David was married

Margaret E. Guthrie, daughter of Robert and Edna Olan Guthrie, and her husband, Lyle Armstrong, sign the wedding register in the Millbrook United Church, 1955.

Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

to Deborah "Debbie" Alice Johnston on May 3rd, 1986. Deborah Armstrong was born August 6th, 1960 and works in Security at Sears in Oshawa, Ontario. David Armstrong works at General Motors in Oshawa, Ontario. He and Debbie have two children: Dustin David, born May 3rd, 1988 in Oshawa, Ontario; and Danielle Armstrong, born in August 1992.

JOHN FRANCIS GUTHRIE (9)

John "Jack" Guthrie was born October 31st, 1936 and married Janet Lillian Bigelow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bigelow of RR #1, Fraserville, Ontario on August 2nd, 1958 in Bethany, Ontario. Jack and Janet Guthrie have two children: Darrell John, born September 24th, 1962 and Karen Guthrie, born September 17th, 1965.

Darrell Guthrie (10) married Alexis Lois Mowbray on July 5th, 1986 and they have two daughters: Lisa Elayne Guthrie, born May

John F. Guthrie, son of Robert and Edna Olan Guthrie, and Janet L. Bigelow were married in 1958.

John "Jack" Guthrie and his wife Janet Bigelow Guthrie were still smiling in 1987.

4th, 1989 and Lana Kay Guthrie, born November 10th, 1993.

LAUREEN ELIZABETH GUTHRIE (9)

Laureen Guthrie was born August 15th, 1939 and worked as a bank teller for Toronto Dominion in Peterborough, Bethany and Millbrook. Laureen Guthrie married Allen Bigelow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bigelow of RR #1, Fraserville, Ontario on September

4th, 1965. Allen was a brother to Janet Bigelow, who married Laureen's brother, Jack Guthrie. A brother/sister Bigelow married sister/brother Guthrie. Allen Bigelow retired from General Motors and continues to farm on the 7th line of Cavan Township.

Laureen Guthrie's name was found in newspapers on numerous occasions winning the most points on track and field days. Laureen was a well-rounded athlete but running was her specialty. She reigned as Senior Female Champion in October 1955 at the Millbrook High School. Laureen and Allen Bigelow had two children: Kirk Douglas and Catherine Elizabeth.

Kirk Bigelow (10), born August 28th, 1963, works for Hydro in Missassauga, Ontario.

Catherine Bigelow (10) was born March 10th, 1966 and works for General Motors and has a son, Brandon Francis Bigelow born January 20, 1988.

Laureen Bigelow died of cancer on April 15th, 1985 and is buried at Gardiner's Cemetery near Millbrook, Ontario.

LUTHER WELLINGTON OLAN (8)

Luther "Lut" Olan was born February 15th, 1911 on the 1st Concession of Cavan Township and married Edith Patterson, daughter of George and Nettie (Shearer) Patterson on April 11th, 1934. Edith Olan was born October 5th, 1914. Lut and Edith started farming in 1939 on the Zion Line, 4th Concession of Cavan Township and then moved to Millbrook in 1943. Two years later, they purchased Edith's father's farm on the 2nd Concession of Cavan after his death in 1944. Lut and Edith did mixed farming for a few years, then moved towards growing potatoes that were sold to stores in Millbrook and the Peterborough area. This farm was about a mile east of where Luther was born and a mile west of where he was raised.

Along with Lut and Edith's constant hard work and triumphs, they suffered tragedies. In 1966, while clearing some weeds from the potato digger, Luther's jacket was caught in the power take off and he was dragged into it, tearing off his right arm suffering multiple broken bones and lacerations, spending nine months in the hospital. At the scene, Edith took the skin left hanging from his arm and pulled it up

Luther and Edith Olan Family circa 1948. Back, left to right: Edith, Luther, Elizabeth (Liz), and Benjamin (Ben). Front, left to right: Kenneth (Ken), Winston and William (Bill).

Photo courtesy of William Olan

over the stump. This acted as a tourniquet, thus saving his life. Fifty hospital staff worked on Luther in the operating room and they were astonished that he survived the surgery. During the nine months of convalescence, Edith only missed two days visiting Luther in the hospital and that was due to bad weather. They spent long hours talking and planning their future together and about Luther's return to the farm. These many positive, heart-felt talks with Edith gave Luther the will to live and go on. The *Peterborough Examiner* wrote a story on Luther when he was discharged entitled, "Mangled by Own Potato Digger, Man's Recovery is Remarkable." Luther's near fatal accident happened on September 15th and he was released June 1st, 1967. Luther came home to continue his farming operation, visibly aged after this ordeal. He developed a new outlook, cherishing each day thereafter. He and Edith were inseparable.

Later that same year, Luther and Edith's home burned to the ground caused by an electrical fault, with flames shooting from behind the television. Their granddaughter, Judy Wakeford, who was watching television when the fire started, grabbed her brother David, and ran to the neighbors who called the fire department. The remains of the house

Luther Olan receives a fond farewell from Civic Hospital nurses after his 9-month stay.

Photos courtesy of William Olan.

40th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Luther and Edith Olan, April 11th, 1974. Edith and Luther in the foreground seated. Standing from left: William (Bill), Margaret (Margie Campbell), Philip, Winston, Benjamin (Ben), Elizabeth (Liz Wakeford), Kenneth (Ken), and Sheila (Olan MacLean).

Canadian Elizabeth Olan Wakeford visits with her cousins, Joseph and Maretta Olan Fair at the 1990 Richland Olan/Olin Reunion.

New York brothers, Glen and David Olin, the hot dog and popcorn specialists, take time out to visit with their wives at the 1990 Richland, NY Olan/Olin Reunion. L to r: Shirley, David's wife, Glenn, David and Akito (Jean), Glenn's wife.

Photos courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

were burned on-site and a new bungalow was built closer to the road in front of the previous site of the farmhouse.

Luther served as a Councillor and a Reeve for ten years for Cavan Township. Luther and Edith enjoyed company and anybody was welcomed anytime. Everybody was asked to stay for a meal; what they had, they shared with their guests. There was always plenty to eat.

In 1973, Luther and Edith moved off the farm to Bailieboro, leaving the potato farming to their sons to run, but Lut still kept involved.

Luther suffered a heart attack in 1982 and later died in a hospital on May 18th. He is buried in Rosemount Cemetery near Peterborough. Many of the Olan brothers and family are buried in this cemetery which is not in Cavan Township, but overlooks it and that was good enough. They wanted to be buried close together so they could play cards. An expression Luther liked to use was, "Men may come and men may go, but I go on forever." Edith Olan lives at Extendicare, in Peterborough, Ontario. Luther and Edith Olan had eight children: Elizabeth, Douglas (Ben), Kenneth, Winston, William, Philip, Margaret, and Sheila.

ELIZABETH JEAN OLAN (9)

Elizabeth "Liz" Olan was born March 24th, 1935 in the farmhouse of her maternal grandparents on the 2nd line of Cavan, which burned to the ground in 1967. Liz Olan married Bruce Clinton Wakeford on September 26th, 1953 and they have three children: Robert Bruce, Judith Anne and David Charles Wakeford. Bruce was born on July 29th, 1925 and is still working. He is the founder of Wakeford Automatics in Peterborough, Ontario, a manufacturing company distributing to such companies as General Motors, General Electric and IBM. Liz Wakeford is a real estate agent for Peak Real Estate

Robert "Bob" Wakeford (10) was born November 16, 1954 and married Nancy Elizabeth Pepper on May 1st, 1982. Nancy Wakeford was born September 19th, 1959. Robert and Nancy have three daughters: Terra Catherine, born October 16th, 1985; Tracey Elizabeth Wakeford, born March 3rd, 1988, and Whitney, born June 23, 1991. Tracy and Whitney both play hockey, with Tracy having aspirations of playing on the Ladies' National Team. Terra is a dancer who enjoys jazz, ballet and tap. Bob and Nancy have a franchise with Golliger's Travel Agency owning businesses in Guelph, Bomanville and Cobourg.

Judith Wakeford (10) was born March 27th, 1956 and married Daniel Holcroft Wagar on June 14th, 1980. Dan Wagar was born August 15th, 1952. Judy and Daniel lived in Nova Scotia until the summer of 1999 when they sold their business and returned to Peterborough, Ontario to live. Judy and Dan have two children: Sonya Elizabeth,

born July 29th, 1983; and Bradley David Wagar, born June 12th, 1986. Sonya is a high school student and works at McDonald's. Judy works at Sears Canada and Dan works at the purchasing department at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre in Peterborough.

David Wakeford (10) was born December 20th, 1959 and married Sheila Catherine Ward on December 28th, 1985 at the Northview Pentecostal Church in Peterborough, Ontario. Sheila Wakeford was born August 19th, 1958. David and Sheila have two children: Arend James Ward, born July 21st, 1978; and Trisha Anne Wakeford born March 9th, 1992. David Wakeford adopted Arend in March 1990. Arend is attending the University of Waterloo in Waterloo to become a lawyer. David works in the family business.

DOUGLAS BENJAMIN OLAN (9)

Douglas Benjamin "Ben" Olan was born February 21st, 1937 and married Marion Sandra Lunn of Fraserville, Ontario on September 23rd, 1961. Marion Olan, daughter of Wilbert and Marjorie (Hoy) Lunn was born September 27th, 1941. Ben Olan has been an Ontario Lands Surveyor for Elliott and Parr in Peterborough, Ontario since 1963. Marion Olan provides custodial services for the Cavan and North Monaghan Township offices. In the past, both Ben and Marion operated "Olan Greenhouses" with 14,000 square feet of greenhouses all heated with propane. Ninety percent of the stock was grown from seed; the rest was grown from cuttings. In the case of fruit trees, rose bushes, evergreens and shrubs, they were bought already mature. This venture began as a hobby, but grew into an operation servicing Peterborough, Keene and Millbrook. Ben and Marion grew over 7,000 geraniums along with cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes and peppers.

Ben Olan remembers the Olans being diehard Conservatives and his grandfather, Ben Olan, saying he always voted Progressive Conservative, "as anytime he worked for a Liberal he never got paid." Ben Olan served as Councilor and Reeve for the Township of Cavan as did his father, Luther. Ben and Marion have three children: Steven, Scott and Sandra Olan.

Steven Douglas Olan (10) was born October 20th, 1962 in Peterborough, Ontario and works for AIM Tronics in Toronto, Ontario.

Steven Olan graduated from the University of Guelph with a degree in Computer Engineering and from Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough in Robotics.

Scott Benjamin Olan (10) was born July 5th, 1964 in Peterborough, Ontario and was married to Diana Correlisse in Burk's Falls, Ontario

Douglas "Ben" Olan, son of Luther and Edith Patterson Olan, (right) receives congratulations for his intentions to be elected to the office of Reeve of Cavan Township. He won and served two terms.

(A Reeve is the elected President of a Town Council.)

in 1990. Scott Olan graduated from the University of Guelph with a B.S.A. in Horticulture and presently works on the grounds of a college in Oakville. Diana Olan, his wife is a Landscaper Designer.

Sandra Elizabeth Olan (10) was born May 13th, 1968 in Peterborough, Ontario and was married to Nick Fife on July 3rd, 1998. Sandra Fife works as a bartender at Kawartha Downs near Peterborough, cleans cottages and works at a greenhouse in the spring and summer months, and is also a waitress. Nick Fife works for NHB Kitchens in Peterborough. Sandra and Nick Fife have three children: Justin Roger Olan born July 26th, 1986; Shannon Elizabeth Fife born June 20th, 1992; and Nichelle Catherine Fife born April 19th, 1993.

KENNETH OLAN (9)

Kenneth "Ken" Olan was born July 15th, 1938 and was married four times. Ken married Doris Reid July 18th, 1959 and had two sons: Donald and Sean Olan.

Rear, left to right: Jolene and Justene Moriarty and Steven Olan. Sitting at the table preparing for the 1989 Olan Reunion in Cavan, Ontario are Tiffany Olan, Susan Olan and Justin Olan. All are cousins.

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Sandra Olan Fife holds her son, Justin R. Olan. Sandra is the daughter of Douglas B. "Ben" (center) and Marion Lunn Olan (left). Sandra's brother, Steven, stands behind her while her brother, Scott, stands beside her, ca 1988.

On December 15th, 1974, Ken married Helen Brankiewicz.

Ken Olan married Carol Ann Petit on November 30th, 1985 and adopted Carol's daughter, Faith Ann "Missy" Petit. Missy Olan was born December 29th, 1981 in Ocala, Florida. Ken was a welder in Ocala, Florida and was self-employed repairing parts to wood chipping machinery all over southeastern USA. The wood chips were very popular for landscaping and Ken had the ability to design and weld the part for each chipper that wore out so quickly.

Ken married Ellen Fisher in February 1997 and he and Ellen drive tractor-trailer together for Robert's Transport making deliveries over North America.

Donald Kenneth Olan (10) was born May 9th, 1961 and drives

tractor-trailer with his father, Ken.

Sean Olan (10) was born April 30th, 1965 and works for Alfa Laval in Peterborough. Sean changed his surname to Elliott after his mother, Doris Reid Olan married, a Mr. Elliott. Sean Elliott is a Past President of the Progressive Conservative Party for the Peterborough area.

WINSTON OLAN (9)

Winston Olan was born January 4th, 1943 and married Patricia Butler. They have three children: Clifford John, born March 25th, 1967; Monica Ann, born December 10th, 1968; and Tina Louise Olan, born September 24th, 1973.

Winston married Doris Mugford on July 7th, 1984. Doris Olan was born September 18th, 1962.

Winston and his live-in friend, Anne Miller, live near Lindsay, Ontario. Winston has worked at Lusco Steel in Whitby for over three decades.

WILLIAM WARREN OLAN (9)

William "Bill" Olan was born October 11th, 1945 and throughout his years in school won accolades for his production of Cherokee potatoes and other produce. Bill Olan won a "crown" from the Durham County Five Hundred Bushel Clubs in December 1963.

On July 26th, 1969, Bill Olan married Marguerite Lorraine Wilson, daughter of Richard John and Marguerite "Lorna" Doressa (Evans) Wilson. Marguerite Olan was born June 22nd, 1949 and graduated from the Peterborough Teacher's College in 1969. She is presently a grade four classroom teacher at Dr. George Hall Public School in Little Britain, Ontario.

Bill graduated with a B.S. Degree in Agriculture from the University of Guelph in 1969 and presently works for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs as an Agriculture and Rural Representative working in the Lindsay Field Office. Bill and Marguerite Olan have two sons: Mark and Brent.

Mark William Olan (10) was born September 8th, 1974 and works for Messier-Dowty in Oshawa, Ontario. Mark Olan was married

September 26th. 1998 to Debbie Morris. Debbie Olan was born January 19th, 1975 and is a Civil Clerk for Messier-Dowty's repair and maintenance department. They reside in Oshawa, Ontario.

Brent Michael Olan was born February 1st, 1977 and presently works two part-time jobs and attends Trent University in Peterborough. He is engaged to Melissa Verspeeten of Tillsonburg, Ontario with a wedding date set for June 17th, 2000. Melissa is a nurse at Oshawa General Hospital.

PHILIP MICHAEL OLAN (9)

Philip Olan was born February 29th, 1952 in Peterborough, Ontario and attended primary school at SS #19 Carmel and South Cavan Public School in Cavan Township. Philip graduated from the University of Guelph in 1974 with a B.S. (Agriculture) Economics Major. As his father, he leaned toward a political life and served as an officer of the Ontario Agriculture College Student Council, Ontario, Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, Ontario Potato Marketing Board and with Recreational Hockey (not all at the same time).

Philip Olan married Bonnie Ellen Fontaine on August 26th, 1972 in Millbrook, Ontario and they have one daughter, Tiffany Bonnie Olan born July 19th, 1975.

Philip Olan married Cynthia Dawn "Cindy" Thompson who was born on September 29th, 1957. They were married on December 12th, 1981 in Bailieboro, Ontario and they have a daughter, Rebecca Dawn Olan born March 8th, 1983.

Philip Olan married Cheryl Rae Lewis on December 20th, 1991 in Leesburg, Florida and they have one daughter, Sarah Christine Olan, born July 11th, 1992 in Leesburg, Florida.

Philip is presently self-employed in the Primary and Secondary Wood Industries with Wood Reduction and Handling Systems in the southeastern United States. Philip Olan and his live-in friend, Wanda Genice Cleaton, presently live in Silver Springs, Florida.

Tiffany Olan (10), daughter of Philip and Bonnie Olan, married Cory Burnett on September 12th, 1998 and is presently living in Sudbury, Ontario with their two children: Jonathan Cory, born in 1997; and Andrew Joseph, born February 13th, 1999. Tiffany is a stay-at-

home mom and Corey is a truck driver.

MARGARET ANN OLAN (9)

Margaret "Margie" Olan was born April 6th, 1954 and married Dennis Clinton Campbell on October 3rd, 1971 at St. Andrew's United Church in Millbrook, Ontario. Dennis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Campbell. Margie and Dennis Campbell have three sons: Jamie, born March 25th, 1972; Andrew, born April 22nd, 1973 and Glendon, born August 26th, 1975. Margie Campbell married Lorne Hammon and they have one daughter, Krystal Anne Hammon born August 30th, 1987. They reside in Regina, Saskatchewan.

SHEILA MARTHA OLAN (9)

Sheila Olan was born August 11th , 1956 and in 1974 was crowned "Miss Millbrook Fair." In 1976, Sheila graduated from Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough with a Diploma in Early Childhood Education. Sheila Olan worked for the Peterborough Children Services, a funding program for children with special needs entering day care, and for Five Counties' Children Centre. She is presently Executive Director of North Hasting Children Services. Sheila was married to Ray Anderson MacLean on September 24th, 1977. Ray MacLean was born May 18th, 1951 and is self-employed in sales and marketing of wood and plastic palettes to companies such as Sears, Wal-Mart, Nike and General Electric. Sheila and Ray MacLean have two children: Rachael and Andy.

Rachael Anne Olan MacLean (10) was born December 1st, 1982 and attends high school and works part time at the IGA Grocery Store. Rachael enjoys music, writing poetry and short stories, and intends to be a social worker when she finishes school.

Anderson "Andy" Michael Olan MacLean (10), born July 29th, 1987, is a sports fanatic enjoying hockey and soccer. In 1993, Andy was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes and has an excellent understanding of how his body reacts to the disease, thus allowing him the ability to play contact sports and live his life as normally as other children his age. Andy is very sociable, a people person, and has the capability to make people laugh easily. The MacLean's reside

near Norwood, Ontario on the property Sheila's maternal great-, great-grandparents, Alex and Martha Jane (Morrison) Patterson homesteaded. (Sheila's middle name is Martha). An original log barn remains standing on this property.

STELLA MARY OLAN (8)

Stella Olan was born February 24th, 1913 on the 1st line of Cavan Township and married Mervyn "Merv" A. Kennedy on November 15th, 1933. Merv Kennedy, son of Hilliard and Laura (Michaels) Kennedy, was born September 16th, 1907. Mervyn was a teenager when his father died. His mother re-married, a Mr. Edward Guyatt.

Stella and Mervyn Kennedy made their home on 30 acres near Bewdley, Ontario. The land was more bush than farmland. Merv and Stella Kennedy moved into Millbrook around 1939-40 and kept their thirty-acre property. Merv was a truck driver until he enlisted in the

Mervyn A. Kennedy, a trucker, enlisted in the R.C.A.M.C., 1944, as a gunner and member of the medical corps. He married Stella Olan, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Langsworth Olan and they had three daughters.

Mervyn and Stella Olan Kennedy celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary in 1968.

Photos courtesy of Jo-Anne Moriarty

Army as a gunner, going overseas in 1941. He later transferred over to the Medical Corps.

While landing at Normandy, Merv Kennedy and his friend were dodging bullets to reach safety and Merv looked over at his friend as they ran up the beach and saw his friend get shot in the forehead. He was shot at the same time in the neck.

In Phile Gap, France, the Americans bombed Canadian soldiers under "friendly fire." Merv received shrapnel leaving him to recover in an English hospital. Merv was discharged to return home. His oldest daughter, Barbara, remembered him, but his youngest daughter, Marion, did not remember her father. Barbara was seven years old when her father left for World War Two and Marion was three and one-half years old. Merv worked as an Orderly at Civic Hospital in Peterborough after his return to civilian life.

Stella Kennedy worked hard to sustain herself and her two small daughters during her husband's absence overseas. Stella graded eggs at the Creamery in Millbrook across from the present Post Office and worked for McDowell's feed store. Times were hard and it was perseverance and kinship of her family that got Stella through those lean years.

My Uncle Allan Olan remembers his Aunt Stella, and cousins, Barbara and Marion, spending Sundays sharing meals, playing cards, Euchre and Frustration, and Stella roller skating through the house chasing and playing with the children. All the children enjoyed seeing Aunt Stella come as "she was just so much fun to have around."

Ask Stella about birthdays and names of her grandchildren or other family, and she takes her cookbook out of the drawer where she has the information recorded, and recites your requests. One of her favorite expressions was, "Let the wind blow free wherever you may be." Mervyn Kennedy died April 15th, 1978 and is buried at Rosemount Cemetery near Peterborough.

Stella and Merv Kennedy had three daughters: Barbara, Marion and Sandra.

BARBARA JOAN KENNEDY (9)

Barb Kennedy was born August 16th, 1934 and married Ronald

"Ron" Fontain White on November 24th, 1956. Ron was born September 27th, 1928. Barb and Ron farmed as well as ran a family restaurant called the Driftwood in Haliburton that served 100 guests. When they moved to Peterborough, Barb worked at the Johnson and Johnson Factory until her death September 26th, 1993. Ron White and Velma Guthrie, wife of Donald Guthrie were brother and sister. Ronald White died February 3rd, 1993.

Barb and Ron worked very hard but for enjoyment they played cards, Euchre. They enjoyed touring the Amish country of Pennsylvania and would go as often as able. Barb and Ron had three sons: Barry, Roger and Brian White.

Barry Ronald White (10) was born May 28th, 1957 and is a laborer and farmer.

Roger William White (10) was born August 10th, 1958 and is employed at General Motors in Oshawa.

Brian Mervyn White (10) was born December 7th, 1971 and is a forklift operator.

MARION JEAN KENNEDY (9)

Marion Kennedy was born January 4th, 1938 and married Frederick "Fred" Glanville on April 14th, 1956. Marion and Fred are retired from having operated the Newcastle Variety Store. They live near Bewedly on the same property where Marion was born in an old cabin her parents previously owned. They have five sons: Samuel, Rickard, Allan, Frederick and Daniel Glanville.

Samuel James Glanville (10) was born February 14th, 1957.

Rickard John "Rick" Glanville (10) was born November 29th, 1958. He drives for the Old Oak Tree on Highway 28 north of Port Hope, a business which purchases unassembled furniture from the Amish Country in Pennsylvania and returns to Ontario to sell the product assembled. Rick married Karen Hambleton and they have two daughters, Tammy and Lindsay.

Allan Ronald Glanville (10) was born November 3rd, 1959 and is married to Robin Rose. They have a son Allan Glanville, Jr. born April 12th, 1995. Allan works for Bomanville Foundry making steel molds.

Frederick Robert Charles "Rob" Glanville (10) was born December 20th, 1960 and works for Mackies that makes car parts for General Motors. Rob drives stock cars at Mosport and Peterborough Raceways, having won in the Thunder division, eight-cylinder class.

Daniel Mervyn George Glanville (10) was born September 11th, 1962 and married Gretta Dykstra. They have two daughters, Jessica Ann and Audrey Glansville.

SANDRA GRACE KENNEDY (9)

Sandra Kennedy was born April 4th, 1949, raised in Millbrook, and has been employed at Quaker Oats of Canada for over thirty years. Sandra is a buyer for the company and travels to British Columbia, Montreal, Toronto, Missouri and California to purchase ingredients such as oatmeal, fruits and nuts, flavors and food chemicals. She also is responsible for purchasing pouches and other packaging material. The Quaker Oats plant has been in business in Canada for over ninety-five years. A fire in 1915 burned the whole plant to the ground and it was rebuilt on the same site alongside the Otanabee River. This river divides the city of Peterborough into "Downtown" and "East City." The distinctive logo on their products supports a Quaker. The Quaker is also seen on the site's water tower above the skyline. When the wind blows right, there is a pleasant aroma of a popcorn smell over East City. Within Sandra's busy schedule, she volunteers at Long Term Care Facility. Sandra was married to Michael Patrick Kennedy on December 14th, 1973. Michael was born July 5th, 1947 and has been employed at Peterborough Paper Converters for over thirty years. He is a Production Planner producing such paper products as labels, gum tape, and base paper for lottery tickets. Sandra and Michael Kennedy have a home on the shores of Chemong Lake outside of Curve Lake.

VERA KATHLEEN OLAN (8)

Vera Olan was born January 5th, 1916 in Cavan Township. Vera married Robert Frederick "Bob" Carr on December 2nd, 1936 at the United Church parsonage in Millbrook by Rev. A. L. Sisco. Signing the register as witnesses were the minister's wife and their daughter. Luther and Edith Olan were present for the ceremony. Bob Carr was

born April 11th, 1911. He joined the Army at the outbreak of the Second World War and was sent overseas. Bob was wounded in 1943 and returned home where he and Vera lived in Peterborough. Vera worked for the old Locke Company and Bob for Canada General Electric.

Vera Olan, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Langsworth Olan, poses about 1938. She married Bob Carr in 1936. The toddler on the steps is their son, Gary Carr.

Bob Carr, sitting behind the microphone, played a fiddle in the Preservation Barnyard Banjo Band, sponsored by the Millbrook Legion. The band performed for seniors at nursing homes and hospitals.

Bob and Vera Carr purchased a farm at Mount Pleasant, Lot 13, Concession 13 of Cavan Township through the Veteran's Land Act. They resided there until 1969, when the farm was sold and they moved to Millbrook. During their many years in Mount Pleasant, both were

members of the United Church. Vera was active in the United Church Women's group and in the Women's Institute. Bob was active in coaching local hockey and softball teams.

In Millbrook, Bob served as veterans' assistance officer at the zone level. He was on the village council for six years and president of the Royal Canadian Legion for nine years. Bob and Vera were a husband and wife team with Bob as branch president, and Vera, president of the Legion Auxiliary. Vera also held the position of social conveyor over a decade, responsible for banquets, socials and receptions. Bob Carr died March 30th, 1991 and is buried at Gardiner's Cemetery outside of Millbrook. Vera and Bob Carr have one son, Gary Robert.

GARY ROBERT CARR (9)

Gary Carr was born July 6th, 1937, raised and educated in Mount Pleasant, Ontario. He is President and founder of Bright's Electric in Peterborough, Ontario. Gary married Jean Ellen Hyland, daughter of Brian and Hazel Hyland of Omemee on April 29th, 1955. Jean Carr was born April 19th, 1938. They have four children: Deborah, Barbara, Patricia and John Carr.

Gary Carr, son of Robert and Vera Olan Carr, served as bat boy for the 1951 fast ball champions of Peterborough's Industrial League. Later, in 1985, Garry became president of the Peterborough Construction Exchange.

Deborah Elizabeth "Debbie" Carr (10) was born November 11th, 1955 and graduated from Civic Hospital in Peterborough as a

Registered Nurse. She is presently working on Pediatrics at the same hospital. Debbie's class was the last year of nursing students to graduate from this facility as the nursing program was transferred to Sir Sandford Fleming College. Debbie married David Donald Ralph on July 5th, 1975. David was born February 25th, 1953 and is employed by the Board of Education as a Student Retention Councilor. Debbie and David have two sons: Jeffrey Gary, born May 22nd, 1981; and Patrick David Ralph, born August 15th, 1985.

Barbara Jane Carr (10) was born November 28th, 1956 and is a Registered Nurse presently working in Intensive Care at the same hospital as her sister, Debbie. Barbara married Calvin Fredrick Craig on June 20th, 1981. Calvin was born February 27th, 1956 and is mechanical engineer at Fischer Gauge in Peterborough, Ontario. Barbara and Calvin Craig have two daughters: Kelli Jane, born June 25th, 1983; and Kayla Anne, born October 30th, 1986.

Patricia Anne Carr "Pat" (10) was born July 19th, 1960 and is a Dental Assistant. Pat married John Anthony Zeyan on August 16th, 1980. John was born March 15th, 1957 and was a Police Officer teaching recruits at the Academy in Aylmer, Ontario until he and Pat moved to Atlanta, Georgia, USA with their three children: Jennifer Elizabeth, born April 19th, 1984; Sarah Anne, born July 16th, 1987; and Jacob John born December 1992.

John Glenngary Carr (10) was born April 8th, 1965 and lives in Philadelphia, employed by the Fairmount Park Historical Society. In 1988, John obtained his B.A. at Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario. He furthered his education receiving his Master's degree in Restoration Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania.

1922 photo of Benjamin and Mary E. Olan's three youngest children. Left to right: Vera Olan, Stella Olan, and a neighbor, Verna Kennedy, is holding Richard Olan and her sister. Stella Kennedy. Later Verna would become a sister-in-law to these OLAN children.

Warren Richard "Dick" Olan, son of Benjamin and Mary Langsworth Olan, and his bride, Jean Gillis, on their wedding day, 1947.

WARREN RICHARD OLAN (8)

Warren Richard "Dick" Olan, the youngest child of Benjamin and Mary Langstaff Olan, was born January 19th, 1920 on the 1st line of Cavan Township. Dick worked on his family's farm until he enlisted in the Army at the outbreak of the Second World War. During the first few months of enlistment, Dick met Joe Fair, who became his buddy. Unbeknown to either, a decade later Joe would marry Dick's niece, Maretta Olan. Upon discharge from the Army, Dick returned to Cavan Township and purchased farmland and began a new life. He married Jean Ellen Gillis on April 19th, 1947. Jean, daughter of Ira and May (Leach) Gillis was born January 2nd, 1923. Jean's father Ira was in demand for calling off square dances in the area.

Dick and Jean worked hard on their mixed farm, while raising three children: Carol, Katherine and Robert. Jean was considered the

Siblings, left to Right: Richard Olan, Vera Olan Carr, Stella Olan Kennedy, and Edna Olan Guthrie, children of Benjamin F. and Mary E. Langstaff Olan in Cavan Township, Ontario, 1989.

The Dick and Jean Gillis Olan clan in 1984. Rear, left to right: Brian J. Hogg and his daughter, Carrie Hogg and Ed Farrow. Middle, left to right: Dick and Jean Olan, Kathy Farrow, wife of Ed Farrow and holding their child, Sarah Farrow, and Carol Olan Hogg, wife of Brian Hogg. Front, left to right: Mark and Andrew Farrow, sons of Ed and Kathy Farrow and Steven and Tina Hogg, children of Brian and Carol Olan Hogg.

official "egg-lady" of Millbrook for she delivered them for years. Warren Richard Olan died May 2nd, 1991.

CAROL FAYE OLAN (9)

Carol Olan was born October 27th, 1947 and married Brian James Hogg on September 11th, 1965. Carol works at K-Mart in Peterborough, Ontario. Brian Hogg has been an assembler at General Motors in Oshawa, Ontario for over twenty-five years. Carol and Brian reside in Millbrook and have raised four children: Constance, Carrie, Steven and Christine Hogg.

Constance Elizabeth "Connie" Hogg (10) was born February 3rd, 1966 and works as an assembler at General Motors in Oshawa, Ontario. She is an avid knitter. Connie married Michael Corfe of Millbrook and they have a daughter, Alexandra Jean Corfe born July 10th, 1993.

Carrie Lynn Hogg (10) was born May 1st, 1972 and works at a

facility in Millbrook for Mentally Challenged Adults. She graduated from Loyalist College in Belleville in this field. Carrie is married to Richard Jeffrey "Jeff" Wilkinson and has two sons: Richard "Jessie," born January 5th, 1996 and Robert "Joshua," born October 22nd, 1997.

Steven Brian Hogg (10) was born July 6th, 1975 and presently attends Mohawk College in Hamilton, Ontario taking Civil Engineering courses. Steve played four seasons with the Peterborough Petes, a junior "A" hockey team.

Christine Angela "Tina" Hogg (10) was born March 2nd, 1977 and graduated from the Importing and Exporting Customs course at Sir Sandford Fleming College. Tina presently works for Nike out of Scarborough, Ontario and is engaged with a wedding date set for the summer of 2000. Her fiancé is Craig Westnutt of Millbrook, an electrician at Ontario Hydro.

KATHERINE ANN OLAN (9)

Katherine "Kathy" Olan was born April 30th, 1952 and married Ronald Edward "Ed" Farrow on February 4th, 1972 in Millbrook, Ontario. Ed is head of Quality Control at General Motors in Oshawa, Ontario. Ed was born October 30th, 1950. Kathy and Ed have four children: Andrew, Mark, Sarah and Rebecca Farrow.

Andrew Richard Farrow (10) was born October 16th, 1973 and works for Paragon, a factory producing car parts. Andrew was married to Marnie Baird June 26th, 1999 in Peterborough, Ontario.

Mark Edward Farrow (10) was born May 13th, 1975 and works in the paint shop at Paragon. Sarah Elizabeth Farrow (10) was born October 18th, 1980 and is presently attending Sir Sandford College, Cobourg Campus taking the Personal Support Worker course.

Rebecca Ann Farrow was born July 4th, 1988 and is in elementary school in Millbrook.

ROBERT PAUL OLAN (9)

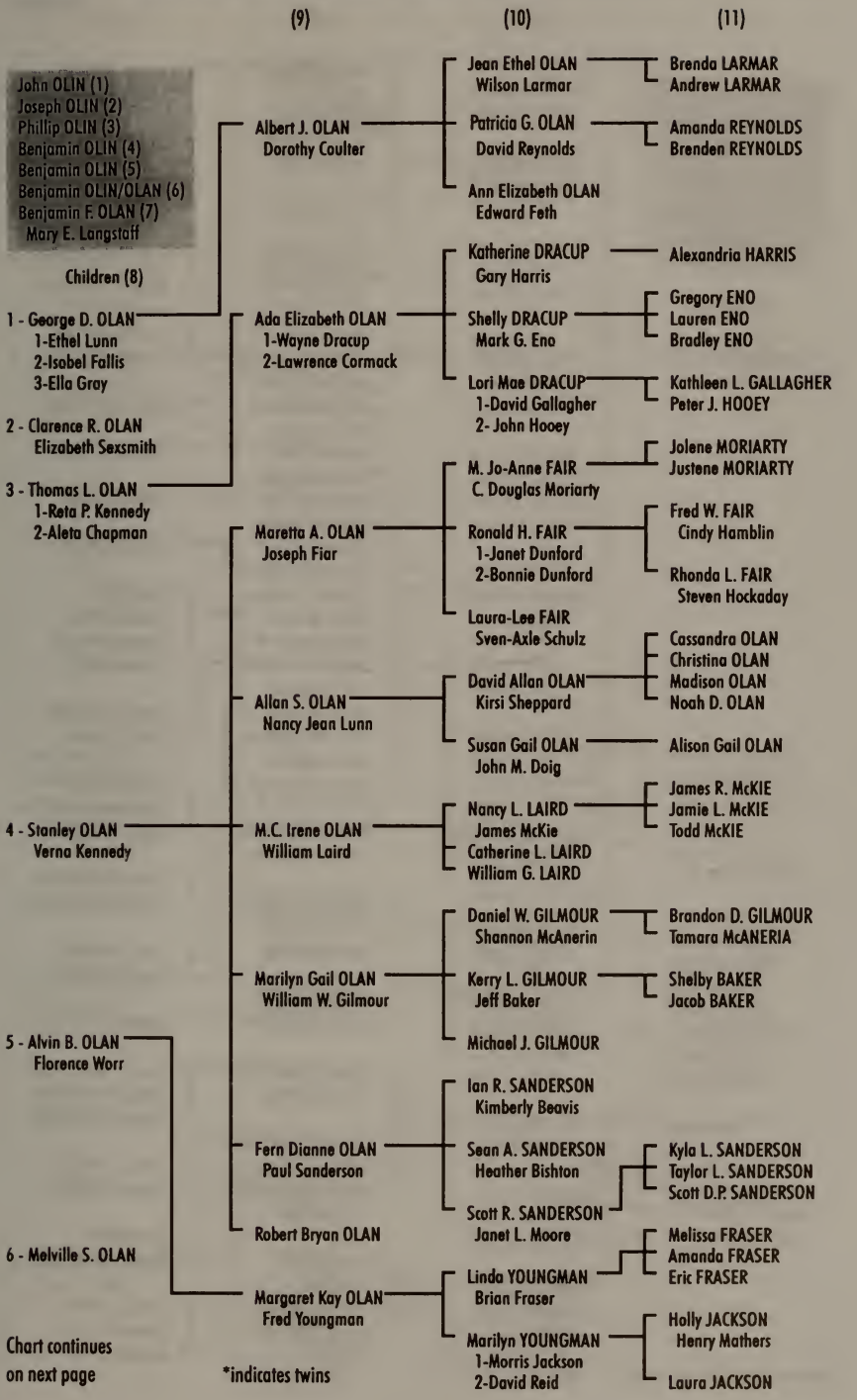
Robert (Bob) Olan was born January 4th, 1955 and died suddenly of a heart attack November 12th, 1989 at the age of thirty-four years. Bob farmed over 200 acres of land on the 2nd Concession, Carmel Line. He had purchased the Gardiner and the Legget farms and mixed

farmed. Along with his own responsibilities, he aided his father, Dick Olan, with chores at his farm. Both Bob and his father shared farms and equipment, always working together. Dick took his son's death very hard.

Shortly after Bob's death, there was an article in the local paper that laid tribute to Bob as a rushing defense man. There were very few players that could get by Bob defensively and fewer that could outskate or check him when he was going in on net. He had one of the hardest slap shots. Bob did play for a junior hockey team in Port Hope, but his heart was not in the competitiveness and he wanted to play for fun and the comradeship.

With such a large farming operation, there was great demand on the remaining family to maintain Bob's farms and animals until a decision was made what to do with them. Bob's niece, Connie Corfe, helped with chores daily, even delivering calves. Her estranged husband, Mike Corfe, helped with chores for six months every morning and every Thursday all day. These are only two of the many who aided Dick and Jean Olan in their time of need.

CHART 30 BENJAMIN F. OLIN AND MARY LANGSTAFF FAMILY



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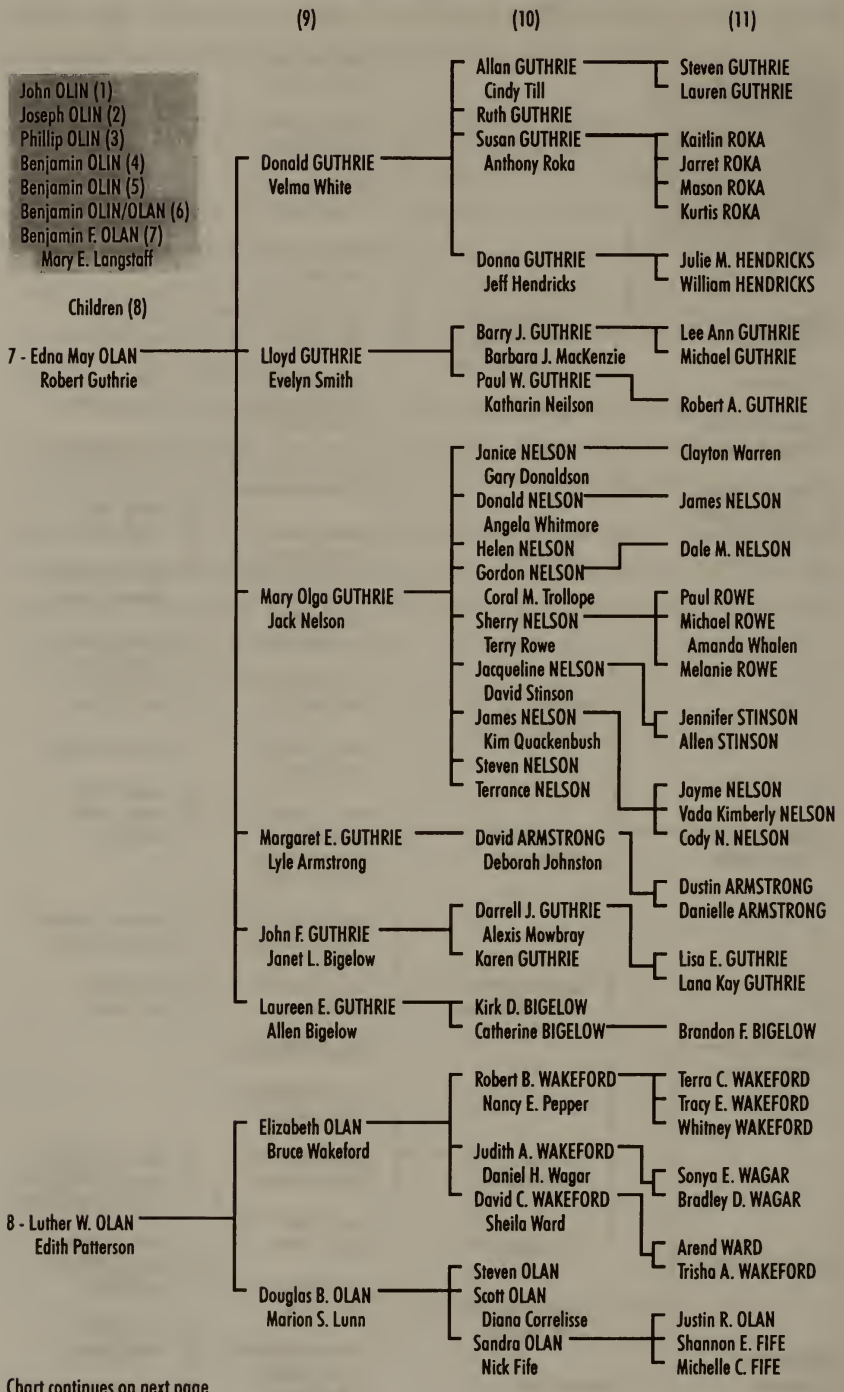

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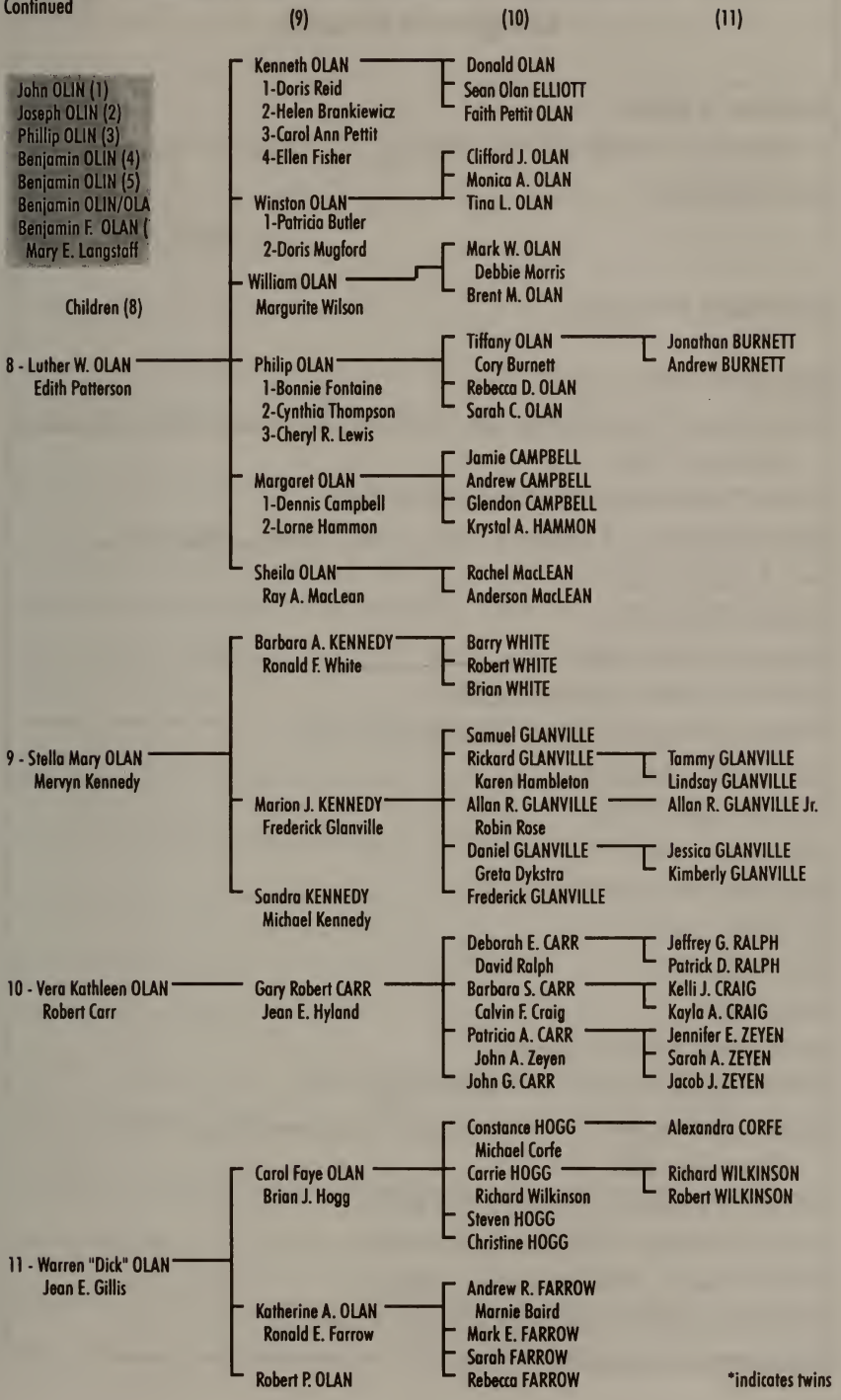

Part X. Benjamin Franklin OLAN (7) and Mary Langstaff Family

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Author's Note

Part XI is devoted exclusively to the John (4) Olin/Olden family of Jericho, Chenango County, and one of his sons who settled in Pennsylvania. John (4) lineage, Joseph (3), Joseph (2) and John (1). Details of this John (4) family can be found in Volume I of *300 Years of Joseph Olin and His Descendants,* Part V, Chapter 15 .

This author feels obligated to present new findings in support of this family. While researching material for Volume I, I found what I thought was a discrepancy in information on a grave stone in the Lower Genegantslet Cemetery, south of Greene, Chenango County, New York. The stone read that Lucy Marshall was the wife of William Olin, brother to the above John (4) Olin. The brothers had settled in Chenango County. My search provided proof that William's wife was Lucy Pollard, not Lucy Marshall.

Gerald Olin, great-, great-, great-, grandson of William (4) and Lucy Pollard Olin, remembers family discussions on the Marshall family of central Pennsylvania and that Marshall was a common given name within his Olin family. He also wondered why his parents attended the local Carpenter Family reunion.

It just so happens that Elizabeth Carpenter Marshall married Robert K. Olen, grandson of above John (4) Olin/Olden in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Somehow, information was confused between the families of John (4) and William (4) Olin

So part XI is actually an addendum to Volume I. I sincerely hope that you will find it interesting, even though it updates only one branch to today.

Part XI

John (4) and Sarah Olin — Vermont Sufferers

The world must end tonight,
And man must pass out of sight,
But now and then we'll pine,
For the things that we've left behind!
European Ballad, A.D. 1000

CHAPTER 35

JOHN (4) AND SARAH OLIN FAMILY

John (4) Olin/Olden, son of Joseph Olin/Olden and Sarah Aylesworth, migrated from Rhode Island to Windham County, Vermont with his parents and siblings in the early 1780s. Ownership of the Vermont territory was in dispute between New York State/ Colony and a coalition of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The disputed territory supported two major political groups: those favoring annexation by New York were known as "Yorkers" and those favoring independence, possibly becoming a state, were known as "Vermonters". The Vermonters won. As a result, John (4) Olin/Olden, who had actively supported the New York cause, became an outcast, losing whatever land he owned.

This group of rejected men became known as "Vermont Sufferers." Governor Clinton of New York recognized their plight and set aside special lands in what is known today as Chenango County, New York. In short, John (4) Olin/Olden secured a portion of the land in North Jericho, now Bainbridge. A younger brother, William Olin/Olden, also migrated to Chenango County, without Governor Clinton's aid,

settling near Afton, a few miles south of Jericho.

John (4) Olin/Olden, born about 1764, married Sarah _____ in Vermont and raised four children in Jericho: John Olin, Jr.,born 1789; Martin Olin, born ca 1792; Sally Olin, born ca 1794, who married William Allison; and Charles, born ca 1796. John (4) had reestablished his surname to be Olin before his death in Jericho 1813, at age forty-eight. The history of this branch eluded this author until a direct descendant of John (4) Olin, Elmer R. Koons, supplied the following information.

Charles (5) Olin, son of John and Sarah Olin, upon reaching his majority petitioned for Indian land in Michigan territory in the mid-1830s. The 1840 census shows him living in Eckert Township, Calhoun County, Michigan. His son, Martin (5) remains a mystery.

John (5) Olin, son of John and Sarah Olin, married Annie Sands, born 1780, daughter of Stephen Sands and Mary Branson. Her parents were married 24 May 1772 in the Trinity Church Parish of New York City. A few Sands families, including ex-sea Captain Stephen Sands, had relocated from the big city to Chenango and Delaware Counties. The date and place for John and Annie Olin's marriage has not surfaced.

Pioneer Log Cabin. The John and Annie Sands Olen home probably looked like this.

Photo courtesy of Elmer R. Koons

However their surname Olin began to show as Olen, which their descendants have continued to use.

John Olen became a friend of Joseph Robinson who also also enjoyed outdoor living and hunting. According to an 1892 *History of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania* by Meginness:

> "About 1825, John Olen and Joseph Robinson settled in the vicinity of Salladadsburg. They were genuine pioneers. Their cabins were primitive structures. Much of their time was devoted to hunting which was the principal means of substance." [sic.] (subsistence?]

Earlier, the 1820 census lists the families of John and Annie Olen and Joseph and Cloe Robinson to be residents of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. John and Annie Olen lived a short while in Wellsboro, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, before moving onto Larry's Creek near Salladasburg.

John (5) and Annie Olen's six or seven children were believed to have been born between 1820 and 1830.

They were: Alexander Olen, who married Elizabeth Post; Cathren Olen, who married Lewis Maurer; Sarrah Olen, who married Abraham Harrington; William Olen, who died at age twenty-one in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania; Robert R. Olen, born 28 May 1825, and who married Elizabeth Carpenter Marshall; Henry Olen, who married Mary Hill; and John Olen, whose identity is questionable.

Chapter 36

OLEN/OLIN Connection with Marshall and Carpenter Families

ROBERT K/R/H OLEN

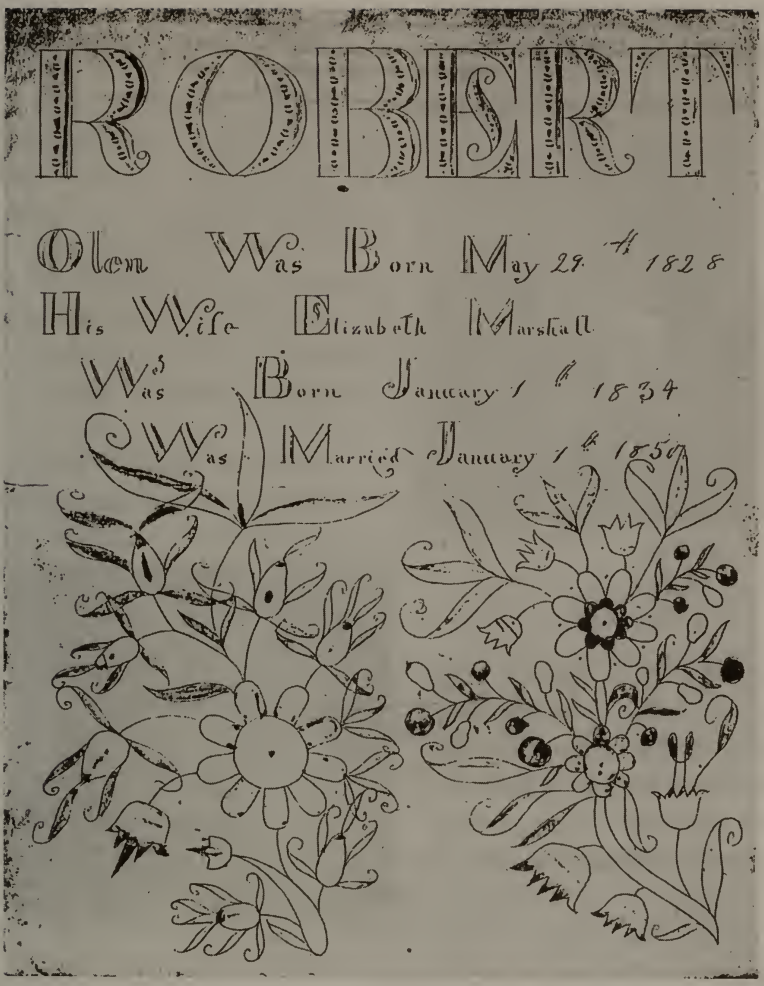
Robert K. Olen and Elizabeth Carpenter Marshall, born 1 January 1834, were married on her sixteenth birthday in 1850. They had two sons and a daughter: William C. Olen, born 25 October 1855, who married Jennie Barry/Berry; John C. Olen, born 16 August 1860, who married Clara Thomas on 5 May 1882; and Margaret M. Olen, born 16 September 1852, who married Thomas W. Alexander.

Robert K. Olen enlisted for service during the Civil War at Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pennsylvania on 9 September 1864. He was assigned to the 44th Regiment of the Pennsylvania 1st Cavalry and was discharged by general orders on 3 June 1865. Five years after returning to his family, his wife, Elizabeth Carpenter Marshall Olen, died on 21 July 1870. A year later, Robert married Lettice Bennet and was living in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, working at various carpenter jobs. Robert and Lettice were sharing their home with his sons, William and John. His daughter married Thomas Alexander in 1871.

William C. Olen married Jennie Berry, daughter of William and Lucy Berry. When William Berry died, he left Lucy the home farm in Linden, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Lucy Berry died in 1905. When her estate was settled, William and Jennie Olen were living in Seattle, Washington. Like his father, William C. was a carpenter by trade and applied himself as a common laborer in the Williamsport area.

Robert K. Olen's marriage with Lettice Bennet, born ca 1838, daughter of John and Martha Bennet, resulted in one child, a son, Howard C. Olen, born ca 1872, who apparently worked as a laborer after finishing grade school but decided to return to his studies in 1890.

Robert and Lettice Olen adopted a daughter, Myrtle M. Olen, who was born ca 1882. Lettice Bennet Olen died 25 November 1893 when Howard was twenty-one and Myrtle was eleven.



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When Lettice's mother, Martha Bennet, died, she left to Lettice Olen, now married to Robert Olan (note the spelling), 50 acres of land in Lycoming County in 1873. The following year, Lettice's brother, Joseph Bennet, sold the Bennet homestead, 150 acres on Bottle Run Road, to Lettice Olen. In 1879, J. W. Dilks of Olean, New York, paid Lettice Olen for the rights to use her farm on Bottle Run Road as a future underground petroleum distribution site. Apparently, Lettice Bennet Olen had a head for business. Her husband, Robert Olen,

Robert K. Olen, son of John Olen (5) and Annie Sands, died 7 Jan. 1905, age 77, in Veterans Home, Hampton, Virginia. He was brought back to Lycoming County, Pennsylvania and buried in the Woodward cemetery. Descendants of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) veterans' organization continue to honor the men who fought for the North in the Civil War.

Photos courtesy of Elmer Koons

The top stone is missing from the monument recognizing Elizabeth Carpenter Marshall Olen, first wife of Robert K. Olen. She died 21 July 1870 at the young age of 36 years .

renounced all rights to her farm in 1893. It's interesting to note that Robert Olen's name never appeared in these transactions.

Shortly after Lettice died, Robert's health began to fail. The courts named Robert Sivilla to become guardian for the underage Myrtle. When she became sixteen in 1899, she began working as a domestic in Williamsport until her marriage to Howard R. Parker on 19 January 1903.

Robert K.Olen was admitted to the Soldiers Hospital in Hampton, Virginia in the mid-1890s. He died at the hospital on 17 January 1905. His body was returned to Williamsport and buried next to his two wives in the Woodward Township Cemetery, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

HENRY OLEN (6)

Henry Olen, born around 1830, was the youngest son of John and Annie Sands Olen. His marriage to Mary Hill, born 24 February 1833, daughter of Samuel and Susan Hill, was performed by Rev. Jepheniah Ellis in Linden, Pennsylvania on 4 February 1855. The marriage resulted in four daughters: Rachel A. Olen, Lydia L. Olen, Mary Jane Olen, and Alena Olen.

On the 5th of September 1864, four days before his brother, Robert, enlisted, Henry Olen enlisted in the Union Army as a private in Company I, 207th Regiment at Lawrenceville, Lycoming County. He never returned home to his wife and daughters. Henry died of epilepsy on 22 April 1865 in City Point,Virginia. His personal inventory upon death listed only one cap, one flannel shirt and one blanket.

Considerable controversy reigned over the pension amount that the United States Government was considering for the widow, Mary Hill Olen, and her children. She was unable to provide proof of her daughters' ages. Several neighbors tried to help her by submitting affidavits as to the childrens' births. Elizabeth Carpenter Marshall Olen, sister-in-law of Henry Olen, signed one of the affidavits. Finally, after a delay of a year, Mary was awarded eight dollars a month for herself only.

Meanwhile, Mary and her daughters found refuge in the home of Henry's parents, John and Annie Olen, at Larry's Creek. However, the widow, Mary Olen, had no choice but to send her two oldest daughters to orphan schools located out of Lycoming County. Rachel A. Olen, born 18 December 1855, was sent to a male and female Academy converted into an Orphan's School located in Orangeville, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. Her sister, Lydia L. Olen, born 28 December 1858, was enrolled on 8 January 1867 at the Jacksonville Female Seminary in Centre County, Pennsylvania. Both girls, whose home address remained as Salladasburgh, were transferred to the newly formed Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home in Mansfield, Tioga County, Pennsylvania on 8 September 1868. When Rachel

became sixteen in December 1871, she was discharged from the Orphan's School and sent home to Salladasburgh. Lydia died from a contagious disease at the Mansfield school on 20 December 1873.

Any information on Henry and Mary Hill Olen's daughter, Mary Jane, born 29 April 1861 has not surfaced.

The Soldiers and Sailors Orphans School in Mansfield, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, where Lydia and Rachel Olen attended. They were the two oldest daughters of four of the Henry Olen and Mary Hill marriage. Henry died in 1865 on April 25, City Point Virginia, just seven days after the final surrender of Johnston's 31,243 men to Sherman at Durham Station, North Carolina, April 18.

Photos courtesy of Elmer Koons

The fourth daughter of Henry and Mary Olen, Alena, known as Lena within the family, born 29 July 1864, married George Hauser on Valentine's Day, 14 February 1888, one month before the great blizzard of '88. They were married in Bastress Township and made their home in Salladasburgh. George and Alena Olen Hauser had five children: Ida, John, Mary, Blanche and Harry.

Ten-year-old Lydia L. OLEN, daughter of Henry and Mary Hill OLEN was admitted to the Mansfield Orphans School in 1868. She died from a contagious disease at the school when she was 15 years old. This monument located in Mansfield has the inscription at the bottom:

> "Dedicated to the memory of the children who died while attending the Soldiers Orphan School, Mansfield. Established 1867-1889 by the State of Pennsylvania to educate the children of the Soldiers and Sailors who served in the Civil War. Erected by their schoolmates 1934."

Photo courtesy of Elmer R. Koons

By 1867, Mary Olin (note the spelling) had used her retroactive pension money to buy acreage along Larry's Creek. She sold it all in 1909 to Thomas Boatman for $500. She was living with her daughter, Alena Hauser in Mifflin Township. Mary Hill Olen died 24 June 1920 in Linden, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, at which time she was receiving a pension of twenty-five dollars a month.

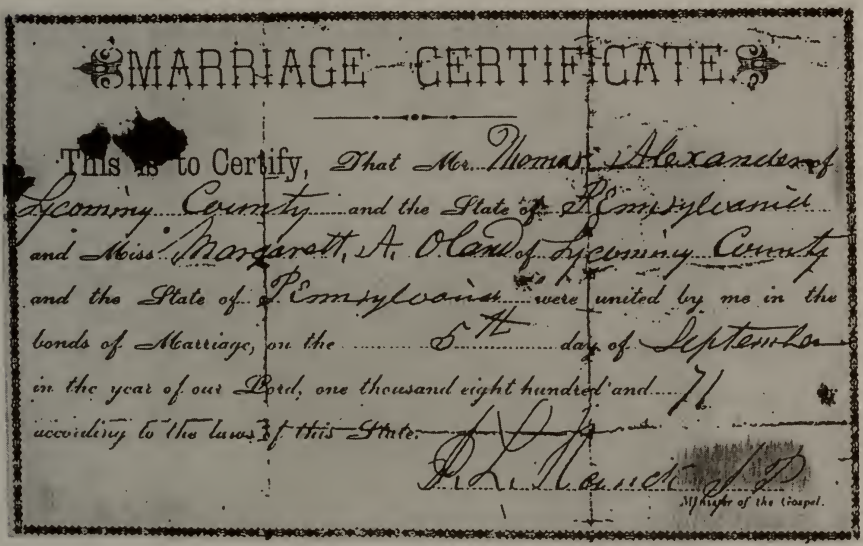
It is believed that John Olen (5) and Annie Sands Olen are buried in the Emery Church Cemetery, now known as the Woodward Township Cemetery, Lycoming County. No old stones or records are evident today that show the Olen/Olin name. However, Cora Alexander Bussom, great-, great-granddaughter of John and Annie, remembers seeing a short row of stones in that cemetery that bore the Olen name.

Chapter 37

The Alexander and Koon Families

ALEXANDER FAMILY

Thomas Winfield Alexander was born 15 March 1849 and married Margaret M. Olen in Pine Run on 5 September 1871. The Olen name was spelled OLAN as written on their marriage certificate by the Justice of Peace, P. L. Nawsch. Thomas Alexander was a carpenter by trade. He died, 30 June 1906, and Margaret Olen Alexander died in 1927, both buried in the Emery Church Cemetery, Woodward Township.



MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

This is to Certify, That Mr. Thomas Alexander of Lycoming County and the State of Pennsylvania and Miss Margaret A. Olan of Lycoming County and the State of Pennsylvania were united by me in the bonds of Marriage, on the 5th day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and 71 according to the laws of this State.

P. L. Nawsch J. P.
Minister of the Gospel.

Marriage Certificate for Thomas Alexander to Margaret A. Olen (Olan), on 5 September 1871.

Courtesy of Elmer R. Koons

In "The Atlas and History of Lycoming County" Pennsylvania, published in 1873 and written by D. J. Stewart, a short paragraph appears about John (4) Olen. It reads:

"There were two hunters residing here in 1826, who devoted their time exclusively to the chase, John Olen and

Joseph Robinson. These men had families and resided in the vicinity of where Salladaburgh is now located. Their homes were of the most primitive character. Devoid of everything that today would be called comfort, they existed here something after the manner of Indians, and perhaps a little more civilized."

The word "Indians" in the 1873 account caused the Alexander family to establish a family tradition. The Alexanders believed that Indian blood was introduced into their family through either John (5) Olen or his wife, Annie Sands. The Alexander family of today are

Warren and Ida Jane Bower Alexander (See p. 511). Warren is wearing moccasins having colored beads, giving credence to family tradition of having Indian ancestors.

Photo courtesy of Elmer R. Koons

still convinced that Annie Sands married a half-breed, or that Robert (6) Olen's father married a half-breed. Extensive research has not substantiated either version.

The Alexander family understood that Annie Sands came from New York State. Searches have revealed other Annie Sands, none of whom appear to have been of Indian blood. The Alexanders also knew that John (5) had two brothers: Martin and Charles in New York State. Although John (5) Olen was described as being short and almost dwarf-like, so was his father who was also very strong. A very remote possibility does exist however, that John (4) Olin may have married an Indian girl. His wife, Sarah, is completely lacking a family background. Will this add to the tradition?

Another interesting account of the John (5) Olen and Joseph Robinson families appears in 1867 "History of Salladasburg" by McCarin.

> "Fifty years ago, on the outer edge of the present village, stood two rough log cabins, one of which was occupied by John Olen and the other by Joseph Robinson. They made their living by manufacturing shingles and hunting. In after years, Robinson became a lock tender on the canal just above the mouth of Larry's Creek. . . . . Since the days when Robinson and Olen dwelt in their cabins and shaved shingles for a livelihood, wonderful changes have taken place. The land has been cleared up, handsome dwellings erected, the town has spread up and down the creek for a long distance, five steam and water mills have been built—then came the great improvement, the plank road, which proved of immense benefit to the settlement along the creek as well as those back in the hills and up the little valleys. In later years, the Methodists built a beautiful church in Salladasburg, which I think, is one of the handsomest in the country. The place is now well supplied with stores, wagon and wheelwright, and other stops, for the convenience of the inhabitants."

The site of the Olen and Robinson cabins was north of Salladasburg

where the second bridge now crosses Larry's Creek. The nearest school in the 1830-40s was one half mile north of Olens' on the first fork of Larry's Creek. It appears doubtful that John (5) and Annie Olen's children attended school on any regular basis.

Continuing, Thomas W. Alexander and Margaret M. Olen's marriage produced ten children: Warren Edward Alexander, born 29 November 1872, who married Ida Jane Bower; Charles Elwood Alexander born 14 August 1874, and died in 1936, buried in Emery

Standing: Myra Alexander Koons and Ida J. Bower Alexander. Sitting: Margaret Olen Alexander holding Katherine Koons, Annie Williamson Bower. Kate was born in 1916.

Photo courtesy of Elmer R. Koons.

Cemetery with parents, and husband of Margaret McAllister; Clarence Allen Alexander, born 19 April 1876, died 1962, married Gertie Wurster and had two children and several grandchildren; Alfred Mack Alexander, born 10 April 1878, married Alice Hill, had four children and moved to the State of Washington; Robert M. Alexander, born 5 February 1880, died 1943, buried in Emery Cemetery, married Emma Dauler and had four children and two grandchildren, one of which, James Gehrig, died serving his country in World War II; Mary

Elizabeth (Aunt Lizzie) Alexander, born 3 February 1882, and died 25 October 1955, married Watson Lovell; William E. Alexander, born 8 May 1884 and died two years later; Walter E. Alexander, born 27 April 1886, died 1970, engineer on the Reading Railroad, married Lucie Ritter and had three children; Ellis L. Alexander, born 6 April 1888 and died 1943, married Minnie Ritter who lived to be ninety-two and had three children; and Jennie Mae Alexander, born 16 July 1891, died 1925, buried in Emery Cemetery and had three marriages: Lloyd Horn, having two children; Thomas Logue, having a son; and William Anderson, who outlived Jennie Mae.

Warren Alexander with team on farm outside Pennsdale. Willard Anseaume is standing by.

Photo courtesy of Elmer R. Koons.

The Alexander lineage continues with the marriage of Warren Edward Alexander born 29 November 1875 in Woodward Township, to Ida Jane Bower, born 30 April 1877, on the Bower farm up Bloomingrove Road. Warren Alexander was a dedicated railroad man. He worked on jobs connected with the railroad, eventually becoming an engineer with the Pennsylvania Railroad until "dizzy spells" forced him off the engines. Warren and Ida Alexander were married 18 July 1895 and had thirteen children, all girls. Eleven survived to marry and raise a family. Warren Alexander died 17 March 1932 and Ida Bower Alexander died 6 June 1947, both buried in the Emery Church Cemetery. An Alexander Reunion is held annually during Labor Day

weekend by the descendants of Warren Edward and Ida Jane Bower Alexander.

The Alexander daughters are: Elsie, born in February and died in August of 1896; Myra Elizabeth, born 4 April 1897, married George Reeser Koons; Margaret Annie, born 24 August 1898, died 30 December 1968; married first Dill Conrad and second Perry Markle; Cora Blanche, born 10 May 1900, died 21 May 1988, married first Arch Becker and second, Frank Bussom; Ethel Mary, born 16 January 1902, married Harry Tompkins; Ruth, born and died in 1903; Hazel Rebecca, born 5 February 1904, died 20 June 1968, and who married Willard Anseaume; Laura Mable, born 12 March 1906, died 1945, and who married Howard Reamer; Therise Olive, born 4 January 1908, married Donald Fowler; Pearl Alma, born 9 October 1909, died 23 July 1971, married Sam Horace Hazlett; Lottie Harriet, born 12 March

Reunion at Mountain Beach, probably 1940. Warren Becker flew over and wing-tipped his plane. From left: Myra, Margaret, Cora, Hazel, Laura, Terise, Lottie, Martha, Lillian. In front: Mom (Ida Jane Bower Alexander).

Photo courtesy of Elmer R. Koons.

1911, married Ray Moon; Martha Esther, born 26 December 1912, married George Robert Meyer; and Lillian Jean, born 24 June 1914, died 9 April 1980, married George Woodley and then William Cohick.

KOONS FAMILY

This Koons family began with the marriage of Myra Elizabeth Alexander and George Reeser Koons on 16 March 1915 in Williamsport, Pa. Myra was born 4 April 1897 and George was born 18 March 1895. She died 16 November 1969 and he died 23 December 1954. Both are buried in the Twin Hills Cemetery.

George and Myra Alexander Koons

Photo courtesy of Elmer R. Koons.

George and Myra Koons had five children: Katherine Alice, born 17 August 1916, died 22 March 1975, married Phillip Morse, and had a daughter Phyllis Morse, who married Lawrence Blackway and they have three children: Christine, Scott and Kathy Blackway.

George R. Koons, Jr. was born 26 May 1919, died 22 April 1979, married Mary Katheryn Keiser. They had a son, George R. Koons, III and a grandson, George R. Koons, IV.

Albert LaRue Koons, born 1 October 1922, married Rita Clark. They have three children and several grandchildren.

Elmer Raymond Koons, born 16 June 1926, never married, was a popular high school English teacher in Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Jeanette Mae, born 7 September 1927, died 5 February 1991, married Roy K. Weaver and they had a son, Gary Lamont Weaver.

The George and Myra Koons family was a typical American family which survived World War I, the roaring twenties, the Great Depression, and World War II, encompassing thirty years. The family of five children had the opportunity for higher education which was denied to their parents. George and Myra made sure that their children learned a sense of responsibility, honesty and above all else, humor.

George R. Koons, Jr. started his odd career in 1914 when he worked at bookkeeping for Penn Garment, a clothing manufacturer in Williamsport. He was promoted to shipping clerk in 1917, a position he held until his death. Meanwhile, the owner of Penn Garment persuaded George to buy into the company for ten thousand dollars which then would give George the title of Vice President of Penn Garment. Apparently, the Vice President position carried no responsibility, because George continued at his shipping clerk job.

Big game hunting and fishing were George's favorite pastimes, not only to relieve work frustrations but to provide extra meat for his growing family. Whenever he made a big kill, such as a moose or bear, he was a gracious host to his relatives and friends, serving a banquet of rich, gamey meat.

Myra Alexander Koons, as most mothers, was the peace keeper and inventor of activities and jobs for her children. She would often slip them a nickel without their father's knowledge.

Myra lost one of her legs as a result of an infection, accepted it, and continued to play her role as an active parent, crutches and all.

Kate, George and Myra's older daughter, married Phillip Morse and left Williamsport to live in Galena, Maryland, on the Sassafrass River, where they enjoyed living in the modern style of the 1950s and '60s. Their beautiful home was like a magnet, drawing friends and family for visits in Maryland. Kate died 23 March 1975 in Wilmington,

Delaware and Phil died 4 July 1977 at age sixty-three, in Galena, Maryland.

Young George and Albert Koons with their father during the 1953 Pennsylvania hunting season.

Photos courtesy of Elmer R. Koons

George R. Koons, Jr. joined the Army before Pearl Harbor. He married Katherine Keiser on 13 September 1941. George earned his First Lieutenant's silver bar in the service and owned a successful real estate business in civilian life. He and his brother, Albert, would often accompany their father on his big game expeditions.

Albert was the role model for his younger brother, Elmer. These two boys shared the same bed, the same books, the same adventures and even the same chores, such as shelling peas or killing a fat hen for Sunday dinner. Albert was infatuated with airplanes. He made models from kits but mostly made his own versions from balsa wood, glue and tissue paper. He hung them from the ceiling arranged in flying formation or in "'dog fight" positions. Albert served one and one-half years in the Army and married a "Wave," Rita Clark, in 1945. Albert Koons served as Postmaster in Mountoursville, Lycoming County, before retiring in 1989 after twenty-seven years in the Postal Service.

Elmer R. Koons, the youngest son of George and Myra Koons, graduated from Williamsport High School in 1944 as the Class President. Elmer joined the Navy as a radio operator and received his discharge in 1946. He attended Lycoming College in Williamsport,

earning his BA degree in 1950. After a few odd jobs, Elmer began working as a news reporter and special feature writer for a daily local paper and *Grit,* a national weekly paper published in Williamsport. In 1956 he accepted a teaching position in the Williamsport School District.

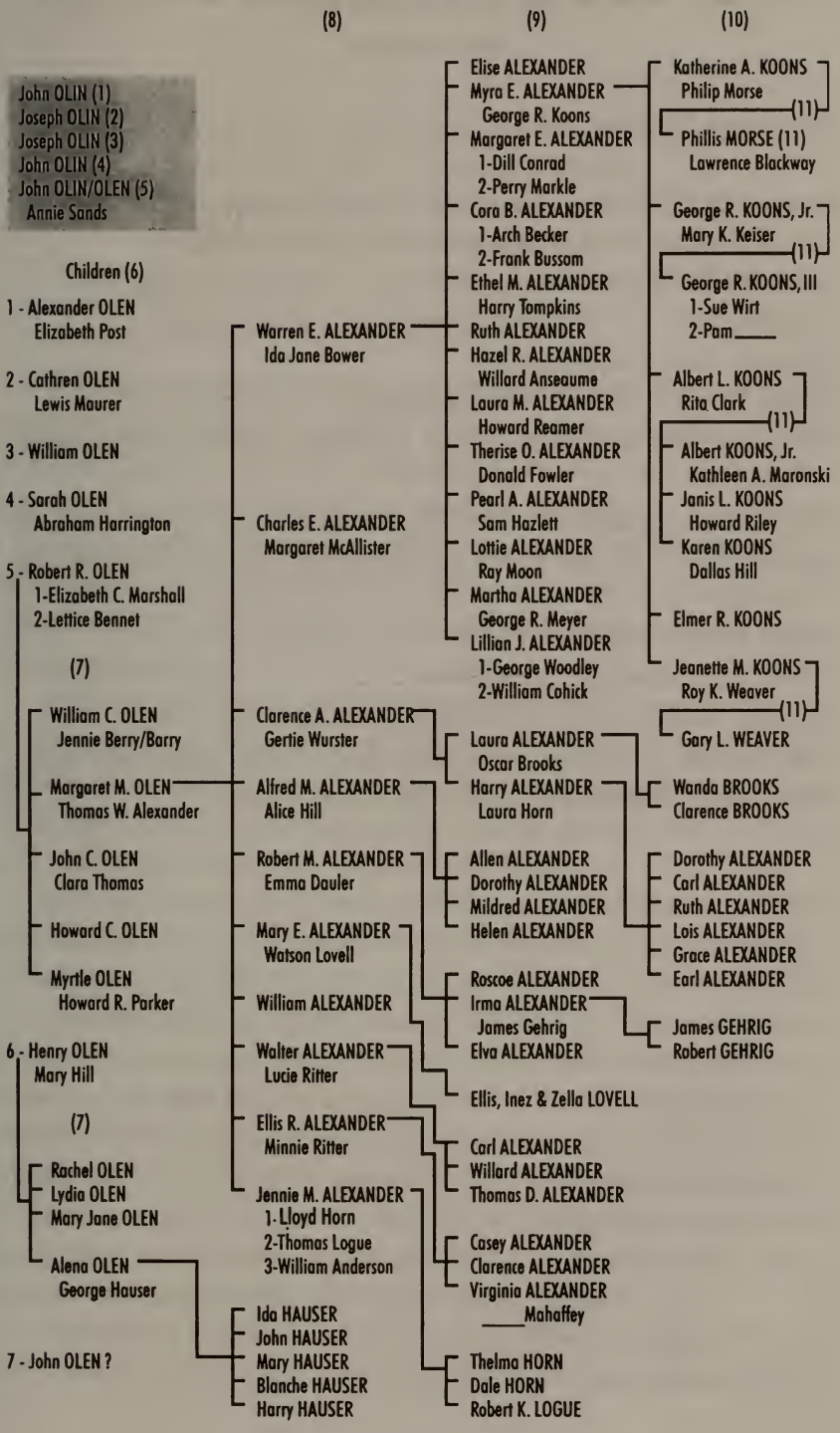
The Junior Chamber of Commerce awarded Elmer R. Koons their Distinguished Service Award for the calendar year 1956. He also received many awards and recognition from his school district, such as: advisor for year book *La Memoire,* 1956-1971; advisor for the publication *The Cherry and White,* 1973-1975; Teacher of the Year for two consecutive years; and for staging responsibilities for the pageant, *Through the Years.*

Since his retirement from teaching in 1986, Elmer has devoted many hours volunteering in nursing homes and in researching his family history.

Jeanette, the baby of the Koons family, married Roy K. Weaver, a three-year Air Force veteran who had been stationed in England during World War II. Jeanette and her brother, Albert, shared a double wedding and honeymoon in 1945.

Jeanette, Elmer, Albert, George and Kate Koons. 1930.

Photo courtesy of Elmer R. Koons.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Summary

He who sits, thinks and ponders
About his ancestor's path of wander,
Will never know what follers,
Like him who climbs the tree and hollers!
— Warren G. Olin

What a rewarding experience, corresponding with scores of OLIN family members throughout North America, France, England, Wales and New Zealand. All of the correspondance was done without the benefit of a computer, E-mail, fax machine or Internet. I believe that I am one last of the old timers, reluctant to make use of the computer. My two volumes involved hundreds of letters and phone calls and reams of paper with a supply of pencils before using only one finger on my typewriter.

With a sigh of relief I have completed my goal: documenting the untold genealogy and history of the John Olin (1) Joseph Olin (2) branch. As I expected from the beginning, the volume of information screamed for a two-book presentation. Again, I thank all those who provided input for the two-volume OLIN history.

My wife, Emilia, and I have traveled to several states in the United States and provinces in Canada in search of vital records, land records, church and cemetery records, surrogate records, directories and published histories of other families and places. The information gleaned from correspondence and our travels has provided me with insight of our past that includes people with no formal education to those with PhDs, from public poor institutions to private mansions. It proves that our OLIN family was and always will be a great contributor to the remarkable success of the United States and Canada. One occupation and/or hobby stands out clearly — working with wood, whether in shops or mills or as carpenters or loggers.

Esther Olin Woodard had this to say, "What a heritage! We, of the John (l) OLIN family, are justly proud of our ancestors. They

helped form this great country and left us a lasting birthright."

The two-volume genealogy and history of Joseph (2) Olin has been quite an achievement for me. However, we must not overlook other significant achievements resulting from the research. Several OLIN Annual Reunions have been identified. Representatives from each known kinfolk reunion in the USA and Canada, plus members at large, have formed a formal OLIN FAMILY SOCIETY (OFS),which plans to meet internationally every five years. The OFS provides a newsletter, "OLINews," twice a year. Thomas R. Olin, Olin Family Genealogist, has taken on the responsibility of computerizing all OLINS and their lateral branches, descendants of our John (1) Olin. Future researchers and writers should be able to update our OLIN history bit by bit, as the coming years roll by.

BENJAMIN OLIN (4) AND HIS DESCENDING TWINS

While preparing Volume II for editing, I suddenly recognized that several twins were identified in Benjamin (4) Olin's descendants. In reviewing other branches, I found only a few twins, which led me to do some last minute search.

According to the *World Book Encyclopedia*, twins are two children born at the same time of the same mother. Twins occur once in every 80-87 births. The tendency to have twins is hereditary.

There are two types of twins: fraternal and identical.

> "Genetics, the science of heredity, that includes the human cell and its chromosomes, carry the genes, the units of heredity. Gene is a segment of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) that carry coded hereditary information from previous generations."

Spencer W. Kimball wrote the book *A Noble Son*, in which he gave a version of genetics and heredity.

> "Assuming we all have moments or the wish for moments of communion with the sources (if not the source) of our lives, how many persons have contributed to the combination

that is ourselves?... If we pursue all our lines through exponential doubling back 30 generations, the total number of our ancestors is like the mileages between stars...

"But at the moment of our conception there was a conspiracy of chromosomes. Untold thousands of inherited traits waited in the submicroscopic codes of DNA. Genetic studies project more than eight million ways in which 23 chromosomes of a mother may combine with those of the father. The possibility is almost infinitesimal that two children could be born with strictly complimentary chromosomes. Thus, order prevails over chaos; but variety permeates order...

'It takes all kinds to make a world,' the saying goes...Everyone is unique."

Of course, some believe heredity is something a father believes in until his son begins acting like a born fool.

What's going to become of the next generation? A common concern called "perpetual motion."

The next generation will grow up, get a job, fall in love, get married, have children and start worrying about what's going to become of the next generation.

FINIS

Chart 32 — OLIN/OLAN FAMILY TWINS

Chart	Names	Birth Date and Place	Parents
3	Celine & Charles	1840, Paris, France	Louis & Marie Olin
11	Frederick & Diane		Charles M.& Diana Douglas
11	Henry & Henretia	8 Mar 1873, Jewett City, CT	Charles & Emma Olin
12	Infants, unnamed	16 Feb 1794, Preston, CT	Benjamun & Sarah Olin
12	Eliza Ann & Ezra	1826, Preston CT	Benjamin & Susan Olin
12	William & Harriett	1833, Whitestown, NY	Benjamin & Susan Olin
15	Albert & Andrew	16 Apr 1831, Marcy, NY	John P. & Fannie Olin
15	Ray & Rex	28 May 1941, CO	Frank & Leona Olin
15	Frank H. & Francis		Frank J. and Jenny Potter
17	Raymond & Ralph	8 aug 1928, Ainsworth, NE	Raymond & Lottie Olin
17	Mary & infant	1 Oct 1877, Marcy, NY	Martin & Jane Olin
17	Nellie & Elmer	2 Oct 1880, Marcy, NY	Martin & Jane Olin
17	Matthew & Michael	4 June 1973	Donald & Sally Olin
21	Jacqueline & Brynn	1 Jul 1967, Ithaca, NY	Keith & Robin Olin
21	Frank & Glen	1 Jan 1970, Oswego, NY	William & Ruth Sampson
21	Kathy & Kelly	16 Nov 1970, Richland, NY	Reginald & Glenda Pappa
22	Linda & Frederick	6 Feb 1953, Williamstown, NY	George & Nellie Olin
23	Infants, unnamed		Russell & _____Olin
24	Robert & Russell	12 Dec 1962, Watertown, NY	Robert & Doris Olin
26	Infants,unnamed	1963, Orwell, NY	Milfred & Patricia Potter
26	Christine & Christal	19 June 1955,Oswego,NY	Charles & Mary LaCelle
29	Doris and Doreen		Mabel & Roy Cochram

Note: This may be average for 12 generations within a family. I believe there are many more unidentified twins in the Joseph Olin branch.

FINIS

FINIS -- the fittest word to end
Life's book, so mystical and solemn;
The first of a Roman judge;
The last stone of the finished column

FINIS -- our thrilling parting word,
As standing by the grave we linger,
And hear the earth fall and where the yew
Points downward with it's sable finger

FINIS -- the saddest word of all,
Irrevocable, changless certain;
The parting sigh beside the dead;
The prompter's word to drop the curtain.

Chambers Journal, 1866

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